

Annual Reports

of the

Town of Westford

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LOWELL, MASS.
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1903.

OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1902.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHER.

Selectmen.

WESLEY O. HAWKS, *Secretary* Term expires March, 1903
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, *Chairman* .. Term expires March, 1904
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON..... Term expires March, 1905

Assessors.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR Term expires March, 1903
GEORGE H. HARTFORD, *Chairman* ... Term expires March, 1904
J. WILLARD FLETCHER Term expires March, 1905

Overseers of the Poor.

ALBERT R. CHOATE, *Secretary* Term expires March, 1903
LEONARD W. WHEELER, *Chairman* .. Term expires March, 1904
CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR..... Term expires March, 1905

Treasurer.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

ARTHUR L. PRIOR.

Auditor.

HUGH F. LEITH.

Constables.

JOHN A. HEALY,

ARTHUR L. PRIOR.

School Committee.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD Term expires March, 1903
HOMER M. SEAVEY, *Secretary* Term expires March, 1903
JOHN C. ABBOT Term expires March, 1904
ALBERT R. CHOATE, *Chairman* Term expires March, 1904
ELBERT H. FLAGG..... Term expires March, 1905
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON Term expires March, 1905

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

JOSEPH R. DRAPER Term expires March, 1903
CATHERINE A. KEBLER Term expires March, 1904
WILLIAM E. FROST, *Chairman* Term expires March, 1905

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

GEORGE W. HEYWOODTerm expires March, 1903
 MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINSTerm expires March, 1904
 GEORGE T. DAY.....Term expires March, 1905

Tree Warden.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.

Field Drivers.

JOHN HALEY, JOHN A. HEALY, ARTHUR L. PRIOR.

Fence Viewers.

AUGUSTUS BUNCE, ALVIN G. POLLEY,
 ALMON S. VOSE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

HORACE E. GOULD,	MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHAY,
WESLEY O. HAWKS,	DANIEL H. SHEEHAN,
JOHN A. HEALY,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,	JUDSON F. SWEETSER,
HENRY O. KEYES,	THOMAS E. SYMMES,
ANGUS McDONALD,	CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Special Police Officers.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,	EUGENE DEROEHN,
AI BICKNELL,	MARK M. MORRISON,
CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR,	LINCOLN A. REDDICK,
ANTHONY H. SAUNDERS.	

Fire Wards.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,	JOHN A. HEALY,
WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK,	HARRY L. NESMITH,
HENRY A. FLETCHER.	

Forest Fire Wards.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK,	ALVAN FISHER.
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Weighers of Coal.

J. HERBERT FLETCHER,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER.

WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN,

Superintendent of Streets.

BENJAMIN F. DAY.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of the Board of Health.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK, WESLEY O. HAWKS.

Registrars of Voters.

QUINCY W. DAY	Term expires April 30, 1903
ALFRED WOODBURY	Term expires April 30, 1904
NELSON L. TUTTLE	Term expires April 30, 1905
EDWARD FISHER, <i>Clerk, ex officio.</i>	

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, George H. Hartford, Deputy Warden, Homer M. Seavey; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, J. Herbert Fletcher; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William H. H. Burbeck; Deputy Inspectors, Clarence R. P. Decatur, Harry L. Nesmith; Tellers, W. F. Balch, Alec Fisher.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Deputy Warden, Albert R. Wall; Clerk, Walter C. Wright; Deputy Clerk, Bradley V. Wright; Inspectors, Henry A. Gurney, Joseph Wall; Deputy Inspectors, Victor Gurney, Henry J. Healy.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey; Deputy Warden, Peter McGlinchey; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Samuel L. Taylor; Inspectors, Edson G. Boynton, Amos B. Polley; Deputy Inspectors, Henry B. Reed, James O'Brien.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Janitor of Town House and Library Building.

AI BICKNELL.

Committee to Appraise Property at the Town Farm.

HORACE E. GOULD, HENRY J. MURPHY,
WILLIAM L. WOODS.

BIRTHS

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1902.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAMES.
April 8,	Anderson, Cart Leon William	Gustof and Alma (Hesseland)
Oct. 7,	Baker, Gladys May	William and Elizabeth (Weaver)
Sept. 11,	Baker, Raymond	Charles and Rose (Norman)
Dec. 19,	Bolland, Mary Nellie Eva	Joseph and Zespherina (Dubeault)
April 14,	Boucher, Mary Beatrice Irene	Hermeur and Lavinda (Benoit)
Aug. 2,	Bowker, John Gerald	John W. and Mabel A. (Longbottom) ..
June 7,	Crowley, Robert Henry	John T. and Rose M. (Constantino) ..
June 24,	Day, Alice Etta	Arthur E. and Margaret L. (Gunter) ..
July 7,	Doherty, Joseph Henry Patrick	John and Mary (Foley)
April 6,	Elliott, Patrick	Matthew and Catherine (McQueeny) ..
Feb. 22,	Field, Eva Belle	Adelbert L. and Gertrude (Hunter) ..
July 1,	Fletcher, Marion	J. Willard and Etta (Whidden)
July 1,	Fletcher, Mildred	J. Willard and Etta (Whidden)
Nov. 30,	Girard, Bertha Elizabeth	Henry and Mary (Savoir)
June 23,	Griffin, Frederick Collins	Charles M. and Nellie M. (Collins) ..
Mar. 25,	Harrap, Rosanna May	William J. and Rose A. (O'Brien) ..
Nov. 9,	Harrington, Theodore Roosevelt ..	Charles E. and Josephine (Bassett) ..
May 13,	Hosmer, Adelaide May	William and Janey
June 25,	Hunt, William	William and Elizabeth (Whigham) ..
July 30,	Johnson, Florence Gertrude	Frank T. and Mary (Ackerson)
May 21,	La France	Alfred and Alphoncine (Labishaw) ..
July 16,	Le Duc, Frances	Peter
Apr. 10,	Lovell	Edwin and Minnie K. (Bailey)
Oct. 4,	Morton, Mary	Femion and Lillie (Northrup)
Nov. 13,	Newman, James William Leonard ..	William H. and Nellie (Foster)
Nov. 23,	O'Brien, Lloyd Florence	John W. and Isabel J. (Johnson)
Mar. 6,	Payne, John Edward	Thomas and Sarah (Dovie)
July 9,	Perkins, Frederick Arthur	John and Lillian H. (Burchell)
July 6,	Phelps, Ella May Angell	Frank A. V. and Lena (Longell)
Oct. 12,	Plant, Marie Sarah	Joseph and Larantine M. (Tellier) ..
Nov. 16,	Precious, Annie Permelia	William C. and Annie O. (Brown)
Jan. 15,	Ricard, Maria Exorgine	Peter and Anna (Garceaux)
June 19,	Seavey, Morton R.	Homer M. and Addie (Mitchell)
Nov. 13,	Shea, Herbert Joseph	Frank and Inez F. (Kimball)
Oct. 24,	Smith, Stanley	John and Alice (Rivet)
Dec. 28,	Sullivan, Mary Ellen	John and Nora F. (Sullivan)

Two stillborn. Number recorded: males, 16; females, 23; total, 39. Of native parentage, 11. Foreign parentage, 18. Native father and foreign mother, 6. Native mother and foreign father, 1.

EDWARD FISHER, Town Clerk.

MARRIAGES

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1902.

Date.	Names.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Oct. 7,	Anderson, Oscar H.	31	Westford	Sweden
	Cushman, Susie D.	24	Westford	Trowbridge, Vt.
April 14,	Benoit, James	27	Westford	Canada
	Ricard, Glorianna	22	Westford	Canada
Aug. 9,	Bochenko, John	25	Westford	Poland
	Remiszewska, Alexandra	22	Westford	Poland
Nov. 26,	Boisvert, Abraham	40	N. Cambridge	Canada
	Warren, Sophia	45	Westford	Vermont
Feb. 8,	Bournival, Armidos	25	Lowell	Canada
	Bastarache, Aldea	19	Westford	Canada
June 16,	Daley, Martin	29	Portsm'th, N.H.	Gloucester
	Hanley, Hannah T.	25	Westford	Westford
June 27,	Darling, Hudson	20	Westford	St. John, N. B.
	O'Connor, Sarah	21	Westford	Springfield
June 25,	Dunn, Thomas F.	25	Westford	Westford
	Shirley, Luella E.	24	Westford	Worcester
Oct. 15,	Green, William E.	31	Westford	Berks, Eng.
	Murray, Rose E.	24	Westford	Ireland
July 14,	Hagberg, Ernest V.	23	Westford	Sweden
	Abrahamson, Gertrude V.	20	Chelmsford	Sweden
June 18,	Hale, Alfred H.	26	Lowell	Brookline, N. H.
	Pelsue, Louisa F.	23	Westford	Westford
July 2,	Hunt, Edmund J.	23	Westford	Oxfordshire, Eng.
	Whigham, Annie M.	25	Westford	Currie, Scotland
Mar. 31,	Le Clair, Louis.	24	Westford	Biddeford, Me.
	LeFrance, Melviney	20	Westford	Stanford, Canada
Aug. 27,	McDonald, Alexander	27	Westford	Groton.
	Riney, Margaret E.	29	Westford	Milford, N. H.
Oct. 13,	Plante, Louis	18	Westford	Canada
	Farmeton, Marie L.	18	Westford	Canada
July 21,	Prue, Felix	28	Westford	Canada
	Le Clair, Victoria	23	Westford	Canada
Nov. 8,	Purcell, Herman L.	27	Westford	Acton
	Hodgdon, Emma E.	33	Westford	Boston
Feb. 4,	Reed, Willard T.	48	Westford	Westford
	Compton, Hope	40	Boston	Clementsfrt, N.S.
Oct. 8,	Sargent, Willie E.	41	Boston	Lowell
	Gardner, Mary	38	Westford	Scotland
May 7,	Saunders, Heber H.	23	Westford	Canada
	Cunningham, Edith A.	21	Lowell	Lowell
Aug. 21,	Sherman, George E.	38	Westford	Lisbon, N. H.
	Smith, Emma	38	Westford	Lowell
Dec. 31,	Thompson, Joseph S.	34	Westford	Bangor, Me.
	Murray, Ellen T.	26	Westford	Ireland
Sept. 24,	Voter, George H.	23	Westford	Lewiston, Me.
	Reed, Hattie E.	29	Acton	Acton
Nov. 27,	Wuatheuhah, John	23	Westford	Finland
	Flinkk, Lena	22	Westford	Finland

One omitted.

Number of marriages recorded, 25.

EDWARD FISHER, Town Clerk.

DEATHS

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1902.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Dec. 13,	Atwood, Daniel, son of William and Betsey (Cutter)	80	3	22
Mar. 6,	Baker, Leo, son of Charles and Rose (Norman)	—	6	—
Oct. 2,	Blaisdell, Hannah Maria (Vose), widow of Joel S.	76	9	24
May 15,	Brown, Munerver (Holman), widow of Amos T.	76	10	—
Dec. 6,	Carroll, Bridget A., daughter of Michael and Bridget (Ryan) ..	56	—	—
Aug. 29,	Champaign, Clifford, son of Louis and Mary (Denone)	1	7	—
Dec. 28,	Clough, Moza A., son of Moza and Nancy (Williams)	77	10	6
Aug. 4,	Coolidge, Orin, son of Orin and Rebecca (Frost)	75	6	—
June 9,	Crowley, Robert H., son of John T. and Rose (Constantineau) ..	—	—	2
Dec. 14,	Desmond, Fanny, widow of Jeremiah	74	8	—
April 2,	Dunn, Catherine, widow of Thomas	69	11	2
Feb. 27,	Flint, Augustus, son of Herman and Rhoda (Cheever)	78	—	—
Feb. 11,	Harris, Albert M., son of Charles A. and Sarah A. (Turnbull) ..	20	1	13
Feb. 28,	Hayden, Daniel, son of Luther and Betsey (Austin)	86	9	19
Dec. 15,	Hildreth, Henry A., son of Abijah and Susan (Hildreth)	79	7	6
April 28,	Holt, Edward	87	5	3
Aug. 26,	Keavalo, Alfred J., son of John J. and Hannah (Yoakola)	—	8	13
May 21,	Lafrance, —, daughter of Alfred	—	—	—
Feb. 26,	Lawrence, Angeline B., widow of George M.	74	8	—
Nov. 18,	Longbottom, Arthur, son of Thomas and Matha (Ryder)	51	1	24
Nov. 30,	Longlois, Mary L., daughter of Joseph and Adelina (Collins) ..	3	—	—
Mar. 26,	McCoy, Henry A., son of Frederick L. and Leitty (Cann)	1	1	21
Nov. 11,	McLeod, Matthias, son of John and Mary	78	6	9
April 17,	O'Tool, Catharine, widow of Patrick	102	—	—
Aug. 4,	Peno, Oelanire, wife of Alick	32	—	—
Mar. 5,	Poisson, Joseph, son of Omer and Emma (St. Pierre)	57	3	27
Dec. 31,	Putnam, Marion A., daughter of Barnes and Sarah E. (Dean) ..	85	11	—
Jan. 28,	Richardson, Sarah Elizabeth, widow of Solomon	70	9	10
Mar. 10,	Seavey, Sarah Jane, widow of Orrin	50	8	—
May 4,	Seymour, Mary, wife of Pliny	45	—	—
June 22,	Shugrue, Charles F., son of Patrick and Helen (Hodigan)	71	7	26
July 31,	Smith, Lyman A., son of John and Mary (Harris)	30	—	—
Aug. 10,	Splain, Daniel E., son of Patrick and Lizzie (Sullivan)	65	9	24
Dec. 3,	Sweatt, Emily S., widow of Samuel D.	23	9	18
Aug. 18,	Tyrell, Rosanna, died at Carney Hospital, Boston	79	—	—
Feb. 3,	Vose, Mary S., wife of William M.	5	4	20
Dec. 8,	Whidden, Waldo A., son of Walter A. and Bessie (Parker)	72	9	12
Mar. 18,	Whittier, Sarah A., wife of Abel C.	73	—	4
Jan. 23,	Wright, Gilman J., son of Jesse and Sibil (Stevens)	—	—	—
Two stillborn.				

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	22	19	41
Number of deaths in town	21	18	39
Residents of Westford	22	19	41
Nonresidents brought into town for interment	—	4	4
Number of interments in town	14	8	22

EDWARD FISHER, Town Clerk.

NOTE.

All persons interested are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record, or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 14.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve some trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,

Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed during year ending November 29, 1902:—

156 males at \$2.00\$312 00

14 females at \$5.00 70 00

Total \$382 00

Clerk's fees, 170 licenses at 20 cents 34 00

Balance paid into County Treasury \$348 00

Number of licenses since last return, November 29, 1902:

2 males, 2 females; total, 4.

Number returned by assessors: males, 153; females, 15; total, 168.

Owners and Keepers of Dogs Who Have Procured Licenses Since Last Report, Feb. 8, 1902.

Licenses are for the year commencing May 1, 1902, unless otherwise specified.

Abbot, Alice C.
Abbot, Edward M.
Abbot, John C.
Balch, Samuel H.
Barlow, Frank (1901) (f.)
Bik, Parvel
Blodgett, Josiah W.
Bridgford, Ralph
Brisson, Arthur
Burbeck, John
Burnham, Arthur H.
Bussey, George W.
Butterworth, William L.
Cameron, Donald M.
Carkin, Isaac W.
Carkin, R.
Carkin, Warren E.
Carmichael, James H. (2)

Carmichael, John, Jr.
Catchpole, Henry
Caunter, Elmer
Champaign, Louis
Comey, Arthur H. (2)
Connell, John H.
Couture, Charles E.
Crowley, John T. (f.)
Craven, Eva S.
Cummings, Alvin L.
Cummings, Charles M.
Cummings, Edward M.
Decatur, Clarence R. P.
Decatur, John H.
Decatur, Nathaniel J.
Decatur, William H. (1901 and 1902) (m. & f.)
Defoe, Edward D.

- Defoe, Fred M.
 Delorenzo, Celeste (1901)
 (2)
 Desmond, David
 Drew, Frank C.
 Driscoll, Michael D.
 Edwards, Charles
 Edwards, Frederick W.
 Eliason, Lars J.
 Elliott, Matthew
 Feeney, John
 Felch, Frank P.
 Field, Adelbert L.
 Fisher, Alvan
 Fletcher, Harry N.
 Fletcher, Henry A. (3)
 Fletcher, J. Herbert
 Flynn, John
 Goode, Jonathan
 Gower, William
 Gregory, Frank
 Greig, John S.
 Guffin, Charles M.
 Gurney, Henry A.
 Hall, John
 Harriman, Maynard S. (f.)
 Harrington, Henry P.
 Hartford, Ida F.
 Healey, Frank, (1901)
 Healey, John A. (2)
 Healey, Henry J.
 Healey, Ruby A. (f.)
 Hildreth, Herbert V. (1901)
 Howard, Calvin L.
 Hutchins, Stephen E.
 Jarvis, Everett P. (f.)
 Jesson, Thomas
 Jenne, Albert E.
 Johnson, William W.
 Kendrick, George W. (f.)
 Knight, Joseph E.
 Knowles, John H.
 Ledwith, Edward
 Leland, George A.
 Longley, Joseph
 Lorman, Robert E.
 Mann, Evelena L.
 Marden, L. Everett
 Marden, Lewis J.
 Martin, Fred
 McCoy, Frederick L.
 McDonald, Angus
 McDougall, Alexander
 McGlinchey, Frank (1901)
 McLeod, Donald J.
 McMaster, Harry C.
 Mellor, Thomas
 Merritt, Daisy S. (f.)
 Miller, Frank
 Mountain, Ernest (1901
 and 1902)
 Murphy, Henry J.
 Newman, William H.
 Nesmith, Harry L. (f.)
 Noyes, Irving E. (1901)
 Nutting, Benjamin F.
 O'Brien, James (2)
 O'Brien, James H.
 O'Brien, John 2nd
 O'Brien, John W. (2)
 Orange, Abraham (1901)
 Page, A. M.
 Polley, Alvin G.
 Prescott, Albert
 Prescott, Waldo F.
 Prior, Arthur L.
 Provost, Thomas N.
 Purcell, Herman L.
 Pyne, Olive
 Quinn, John W.
 Read, Henry B.
 Reddick, Lincoln A. (f.)
 Reed, Charles W. (2)
 Richardson, Joseph T.
 Roper, E. H.
 Sargent, Charles G. (2)
 Seifer, William F.
 Shorey, Fred H. (f.)
 Shugrue, Charles F.
 Smith, William (1901)
 Snow, Fred L.
 Splaine, Daniel E.
 Stephens, Reinhold
 Sullivan, Catherine

Swanson, Noah
 Sweat, Fred A. (1901)
 Sweetser, Judson F.
 Sweetser, Warren P.
 Toper, Samuel L.
 Valentine, Mary
 Valley, Joseph (1901)
 Vinal, Charles E. (2 m & f)
 Ward, John E.
 Wayne, William
 Whidden, Elmer H.
 Whigham, William (2)
 Whitcomb, Charles E.
 Whitney, Charles H. (m & f)

Whitney, Hamilton (f.)
 Whitney, Nathaniel
 Whittier, Abel C. (f.)
 Wilkerson, Lizzie
 Wilson, T. Arthur E.
 Woods, William L.
 Wright, Flora M.
 Wright, Frank C.
 Wright, Hammet D.
 Wright, William E.
 Wyman, George W.
 Wyman, Walter W.
 York, Mabel C.

EDWARD FISHER,
 Town Clerk.

Westford, Feb. 16, 1902.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 17, 1902.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, March 17, 1902, the following business was transacted:—

1. John M. Fletcher and Waldo F. Prescott, Tellers appointed by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk *pro tempore* and took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively.

2. Chose Sherman H. Fletcher, Moderator.

3. The Selectmen appointed George W. Hartford and Joseph Wall, Ballot Clerks. They were sworn by the Town Clerk *pro tempore* and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipts therefor. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty and the register was placed at zero. The polls were declared open at 8.15 A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" At 1 o'clock P. M. the polls were declared to be closed. The register stood at three hundred and forty-three (343).

Number of names checked on ballot clerks' list: Males, one hundred and forty (140); females, none (0).

Number of names checked on ballot box list: Males, one hundred and forty (140); females, none (0).

Number of ballots cast by males, one hundred and forty; by females, none (0).

4. Voted, to take up the remaining articles of the warrant while the votes were being counted.

5. Voted, to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed, with the proviso that the Selectmen consult counsel as to whether or not they have the right and authority to dig a well at the Stony Brook School House as voted at a town meeting held a few years ago.

6. Voted, to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

7. Voted, to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

8. Voted, to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

9. Voted, to accept and adopt the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed. The report recommends that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) be raised and appropriated for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year; that the sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) be raised and appropriated for preparing printer's copy and printing the new catalogue; and that the trustees be authorized, if the expense of making the catalogue exceeds three hundred dollars (\$300), to defray the additional expense out of the money received from dog licenses in 1903, the remainder to be expended as heretofore for books.

10. Voted that the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds be accepted and adopted. The report recommends that the town raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars (\$200) for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the various cemeteries.

11. Voted, to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

12. Voted, to accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen. The list is as follows: Ernest H. Dane, painter; Quincy W. Day, farmer; Thomas F. Dunn, engineer; Elbert H. Flagg, farmer; Joel A. Fletcher, farmer; John M. Fletcher, merchant; John Feeney, harness maker; Edwin E. Heywood, farmer; Frank H. Hildreth, farmer; Samuel M. Hutchins, farmer; George A. Kimball, farmer; Henry J. Murphy, farmer; Elmer E. Nutting, machinist; Charles E. Osgood, carpenter; William H. Petherick, mill hand; Nathan Prescott, painter; Waldo F. Prescott, farmer; Amos B. Polley, farmer; Ossian V. Robey, carpenter; Homer M. Seavey, farmer; Walter J. Sleeper, physician; William R. Taylor, clerk; Almon S. Vose, farmer; John Wilson, farmer; J. Everett Woods, farmer; Bradley V. Wright, farmer.

13. Voted, that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. upon the amount collected.

14. Voted, to raise and appropriate three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and to appropriate one thousand dollars (\$1,000) additional for the repair of roads and bridges.

15. Voted, to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for town debts and charges.

16. Voted, to raise and appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for public schools.

17. Voted, to raise and appropriate fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) to pay tuition of high school scholars, residents of the town, at Westford Academy.

18. Voted, to raise and appropriate two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and to appropriate four hundred dollars (\$400) additional for the support of the poor.

19. Voted, to raise and appropriate six hundred dollars (\$600) for school text books and supplies. .

20. Under Article 18, which reads as follows: "To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time to meet the demands on the treasury, and act in relation to the same," voted, that the Town Treasurer be so authorized to borrow money.

21. Voted, that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall charge interest on such taxes overdue at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and collect the same according to law. There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed of five (5) per cent. if paid on or before October 1st, and three (3) per cent. if paid on or before December 1st next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within three days after the first days of October and December, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received on or before the fifth days of October and December. And furthermore, the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February, and the Assesosrs are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July 1st next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes with a list of persons assessed, with their places of abode, within five days after the said first day of July.

22. Chose the following officers by hand vote:—

Field Drivers—Arthur L. Prior, John Haley, John A. Healy.

Fence Viewers—Alvin G. Polley, Almon S. Vose, Augustus Bunce.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber—Charles E. Whidden, Horace E. Gould, Michael L. McGlinchey, Thomas E. Symmes, Alonzo G. Sutherland, Henry O. Keyes, William W. Johnson, Angus McDonald, Judson F. Sweetser, John A. Healey, Wesley O. Hawks, Daniel H. Sheehan.

Sealer of Weights and Measures—William H. H. Burbeck.

23. Voted, to appropriate fifty dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day.

24. Voted, to authorize the Trustees of the Public Library to pay not more than one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per week for the distribution of library books among the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village and Brookside, after the catalogue now in process of being made is completed.

25. Voted, that the Selectmen be authorized to settle the suit of Henry O. Keyes against the town for injuries to a horse.

26. Under Article 24, which read as follows: "To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year, also in such other matters which may arise requiring in their judgment the action of such agents, and act in relation to the same," voted, that the Selectmen be so authorized to act as its agents.

27. Under Article 25, which was as follows: "To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to give official names to the streets in the several villages and to all roads leading to adjoining towns, and report the names and localities in the next Town Report, to be accepted or revised at the next annual meeting, and act in relation to the same," voted, that the Selectmen be so instructed to act.

28. Voted, to raise and appropriate two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) to paint the Town House and fence around the Town House lot.

29. Voted, to appropriate one hundred and twenty five dollars (\$125) to paint the Forge Village school house.

30. Voted, to accept the provisions of Section 335, Chapter 11, of the Revised Laws, in regard to choosing the Town Clerk for a term of three years.

31. The votes having been counted, the following named were found and declared to be elected to the respective offices.

Town Clerk—Edward Fisher.

Selectmen—Albert P. Richardson.

Assessor—J. Willard Fletcher.

Overseer of the Poor—Clarence R. P. Decatur.

Town Treasurer—Nahum H. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Arthur L. Prior.

Auditor—Hugh F. Leith.

Constables—John A. Healey, Arthur L. Prior.

School Committee—Elbert H. Flagg, T. Arthur E. Wilson,

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library for Three Years—William E. Frost; for one year, Joseph R. Draper.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—George T. Day.

Tree Warden—William H. H. Burbeck.

The license question was decided in the negative: no, 80; yes, 52.

The ballots, used and unused, were enclosed in separate envelopes, also the voting lists, and were sealed and duly endorsed, as required by law, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

32. Voted, to accept the minutes of the meeting.

33. Voted, to dissolve the meeting.

A true record. Attest:

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 5, 1902.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, June 5, 1902, the following business was transacted:—

1. Herbert E. Fletcher elected Moderator.

2. Voted, that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized in behalf of the town to sign an agreement or writing to indemnify and save harmless the Commonwealth against all claims and demands for damages, if any, which may be sustained by any person whose property is taken or injured by the construction of the proposed State highway in this town.

3. Voted, that the following resolutions be adopted.

Whereas, Mr. E. M. Raymond, of Charlestown, Mass., a great grandson of Ebenezer Prescott, one of the founders of the Westford Social Library, has recently given to the J. V. Fletcher Library two large paintings of Biblical subjects, a marble statute of Pocahontas, a piece of Japanese hammered work in iron, silver and gold, and several other works of art;—

Whereas, these decorations are a great and permanent addition to the value and uplifting influence of our Library;—therefore

Resolved, that we, legal voters of Westford, in town meeting assembled, in behalf of ourselves and our posterity do hereby express our thanks to Mr. Raymond for his munificence, and our grateful appreciation of his generous gifts.

Resolved, that the Town Clerk be instructed to place these resolutions on the town records, and to transmit a copy of them to Mr. Raymond.

4. Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

A true record. Attest:

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION, NOVEMBER 4, 1902.

Party designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L. N. P., Socialist Labor Nomination Paper; R. I. N. P., Republican Independent Nomination Paper.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total.
Whole number of ballots cast.....	148	115	45	308

GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates of Boston (R).....	112	65	26	203
Michael T. Berry of Haverhill (S.L.N.P.)	1	2	0	3
John C. Chase of Haverhill (S.)	1	10	3	14
William A. Gaston of Boston (D.)	28	31	11	70
William H. Partridge of Newton (P.)....	3	3	1	7

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury (S.) ...	3	15	3	21
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (S.L.N.P.)..	0	3	0	3
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton (P.)....	4	3	0	7
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston (R.)	111	59	26	196
Herbert C. Joyner of Great Barrington (D)	26	27	11	64

SECRETARY.

Edward A. Buckland of Holyoke (S.) ...	3	11	3	17
Herbert B. Griffin of Winthrop (P.)	3	3	0	6
Jeremiah O'Fihelly of Abington (S. L. N. P.)	0	4	0	4
William M. Olin of Boston (R.).....	112	60	26	198
William B. Stone of Springfield (D.)	26	26	9	61

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total.
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield (R.)	112	59	27	198
Joseph L. Chalifoux of Lowell (D.)	27	31	8	66
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield (S. L. N. P.)	0	3	0	3
Daniel Parlin of Worcester (P.)	3	3	0	6
David Taylor of Boston (S.)	1	9	3	13

AUDITOR.

David Morrison of Fall River (P.)	4	3	0	7
S. Fremont Packard of Brockton (S.)	1	10	3	14
Charles Stoeber of Adams (S. L. N. P.)	0	3	0	3
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth (D.)	26	26	8	60
Henry E. Turner of Malden (R.)	107	62	25	194

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket (P.)	3	3	0	6
Charles E. Fenner of Worcester (S.)	1	11	3	15
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester (D.)	25	22	8	55
John A. Henley of Lynn (S. L. N. P.)	0	3	0	3
Herbert Parker of Lancaster (R.)	110	64	25	199

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTH DISTRICT.

Marcus A. Coolidge of Fitchburg (D.)	28	29	10	67
Herbert S. Morley of Templeton (P.)	4	2	0	6
John F. Mullen of Clinton (S.)	1	12	2	15
Charles Q. Tirrell of Natick (R.)	107	58	25	190

COUNCILLOR.

John H. Gray of Malden (P.)	4	4	0	8
William J. McCluskey of Lowell (D.)	28	23	8	59
Henri E. Richardson of Lowell (S.)	1	13	2	16
Walter Scott Watson of Lowell (R.)	109	61	27	197

SENATOR.

Quincy Adams of Townsend (P.)	3	3	0	6
Herbert E. Fletcher of Westford (R.)	112	72	35	219
Benjamin Staveley of Tewksbury (S.)	1	11	1	13
Henry F. Tarbell of Pepperell (D.)	26	21	6	53

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total.
John M. Maloney of Ayer (R.)	91	58	22	171
Henry C. Sherwin of Ayer (R. I. N. P.)..	21	22	6	49
J. Hartwell Whitcomb of Littleton (D.) .	31	24	7	62

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

George R. Duren of Carlisle (D.)	27	27	10	64
Levi S. Gould of Melrose (R.)	111	61	24	196
Arthur Staveley of Tewksbury (S.)	1	11	3	15
Luther S. Wood of Lowell (P.)	5	4	1	10

RETURN OF VOTES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT NO. 23.

	Acton.	Ayer.	Little- ton.	Shirley.	West- ford.	Total.
John M. Maloney of Ayer . . .	93	252	33	59	171	608
Henry C. Sherwin of Ayer . . .	95	189	50	91	49	474
J. Hartwell Whitcomb of Lit- tleton	147	31	98	42	62	380
Blanks	23	15	7	20	26	91
Whole number of ballots . . .	358	487	188	212	308	1553

A true record. Attest:

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

PETITION OF ORDER OF NOTICE

Upon and Location Granted to the Lowell and Fitchburg
Street Railway Company.

PETITION.

TO THE HONORABLE, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN
OF WESTFORD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, AND COM-
MONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS:

Your petitioners, the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Company, by a majority of its directors, respectfully represent that they have organized to construct a Street Railway from the Boston & Maine Railroad Crossing on East Main Street, in the Town of Ayer, and County of Middlesex, and to extend through Littleton, Groton, Westford and Chelmsford, in the County of Middlesex, to the junction of the Nashua, Dunstable and Groton roads at North Chelmsford Village, one of its termini; with a branch at or about the Sandy Pond Station on the Boston & Maine Railroad in Ayer, and running through Littleton, Acton and Concord, in the County of Middlesex, to the Square at Concord Village, its second termini.

And your petitioners pray that they may be granted a location commencing at the dividing line between the Town of Groton and the Town of Westford at a point where the so-called Lowell Road (or Central Street) crosses same to the Chelmsford Town Line, at which point they may connect with the location prayed for in petition to the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford, already filed with the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford.

That the location shall begin at a point where the so-called Lowell Road (or Central Street) crosses the dividing line between the Town of Groton and the Town of Westford; thence by way of Central Street to Forge Village; thence by way of Union Street to Graniteville Station; thence by way of Main Street to Broadway; thence by way of Broadway to the so-called Graniteville and Westford Road; thence by way of the so-called Graniteville

and Westford road to road leading from Pine Ridge Station to Westford Station to Westford Station; thence by way of the so-called Westford and Lowell road to the dividing line between the Town of Westford and the Town of Chelmsford.

Also, your petitioners pray you for a location in the Town of Westford, and County of Middlesex, from a point so called Westford Station extending along Depot Street to Main Street; thence along Main Street to a point at the junction of Main Street with the so-called Graniteville and Westford road. The above referred to locations extending to the dividing line between the Town of Westford and the Town of Chelmsford, and there to connect with the location prayed for by your petitioners in their petition above referred to, duly filed with the Selectmen of the Town of Chelmsford, with the right to erect the necessary poles, and to operate said Railway by the overhead electric system, or with any other system or power as may seem best, together with all other rights incidental to such operation.

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they will file, within the proper time, such plan of proposed Railway as will be acceptable to your Board.

Respectfully submitted.

WM. S. MURRAY,
H. D. WEAVER,
ARTHUR H. SHELDON,
JOSEPH A. PARKHURST,
Majority of Board of Directors.

ORDER OF NOTICE.

WESTFORD, MASS., Sept. 6, 1902.

ORDERED by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford, Mass., in session, on the foregoing petition of the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Company, a body corporate under the laws of said Commonwealth, for locations for its tracks in said Town of Westford, that a meeting of said Board of Selectmen be holden at the Town Hall at Westford Centre, on Thursday, the twenty-

fifth day of September current, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place said Board of Selectmen will consider said petition, and all parties interested may be heard, and that due written notice of such hearing be given by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Lowell Morning Citizen, a newspaper published in Lowell, Mass. (there being no newspaper published in said Westford), the publication to be at least fourteen days before said meeting.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

WESTFORD, MASS., Sept. 27, 1902.

I hereby certify that the above petition of the Directors of the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Company for locations of its tracts in said Westford was filed with the Selectmen of said Westford, September 6, 1902, and that said petition and order of the said Selectmen thereon was published as therein ordered in the Lowell Morning Citizen, a newspaper published in Lowell in said County (there being no newspaper published in said Westford), upon the tenth day of September, 1902.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

WESTFORD, MASS., Sept. 27, 1902.

Then personally appeared the said Edward Fisher, Town Clerk, and made oath to the truth of the above statement signed by him.

Before me,

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Justice of the Peace.

LOCATION.

TOWN OF WESTFORD.

Whereas, the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, by a majority of its directors, has petitioned for a location of the tracks of a street railway in the Town of Westford, and for permission to construct, equip, maintain and operate a street railway thereon of a single or double track with all necessary turn-outs and connections, to make use of an overhead electric system, or with any other system or power, as may seem best, together with all other rights incidental to such operation; to erect and maintain the necessary poles, wires, etc., along said route; and due notice of a hearing upon said petition having been given and a hearing had thereon, it is

Ordered, That a location is hereby granted to the said railway company as petitioned for, over the following streets, viz.:

A double track beginning on the road leading from West Chelmsford to Brookside at a point where said road crosses the boundary between Westford and Chelmsford; thence running on above mentioned highway and private land to a point near Brookside mill; thence through private land and highways as shown by plan to Westford Station; thence a single track location crossing the Stony Brook Division of the Boston & Maine Railroad, private land and the Lowell Road and running through private land, or along Depot Street to Main Street in Westford Village; thence through Main Street in Westford Village to the Forge Village Road; thence along Forge Village Road and through private land to Broadway in Graniteville; thence through Broadway in Graniteville to Cross Street; thence through Cross Street and private land to Main Street in Graniteville; thence a double track location along Main Street to Union Street; thence along Union Street and private land to Central Street in Forge Village; thence along Central Street to a point on the dividing line between Westford and Groton, with suitable spurs, turnouts, side tracks and switches. The above location to be more definitely shown by detailed plans to be accepted by the Selectmen of the Town of Westford. Said plans, when accepted, to become a part of the franchise.

The location and rights described aforesaid are granted upon the following express conditions, a violation of any which shall, at the election of the Board of Selectmen, operate as a forfeiture of the location and rights herein granted.

SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL LAWS.

Section 1. The right to build and operate the railway is upon the condition that said company shall comply with all the laws of the Commonwealth applicable thereto; also with all the requirements of the by-laws of the Town of Westford and the regulations of the Selectmen, both those now in force, and those that may hereafter be adopted.

PLAN TO BE FILED.

Section 2. Before beginning the construction of said railway said railway company shall file with the Town Clerk of Westford a description and plan of said location, showing in detail the proposed location of all tracks, sidings, turnouts, switches and poles, and such alterations in the width and grading of said streets, including filling and excavating within the limits thereof, as may be considered necessary for said road.

Section 3. The whole work of construction, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction of and satisfactory to the Selectmen, and approved by them.

RAILS.

Section 4. The said company, wherever the track is laid outside and separate from the travelled way, shall use "T" rails weighing not less than sixty pounds per yard, and where the track is in the travelled way, the said company shall use either nine inch, one-half groove, girder rails, weighing not less than ninety pounds per yard and sixty feet long, properly paved, or "T" rails weighing not less than sixty pounds per yard, and the space between the tracks and eighteen inches outside thereof filled with macadam, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen. In all cases the track is to have a clearance from any obstruction of at least four and one-half feet on tangents, and more in proportion on curves.

TIES.

Section 5. The said company shall use ties not less than six inches face, six inches thick, and seven feet long, of chestnut, or such other material as the Selectmen shall approve. Ties to be laid not over twenty-four inches apart on centre.

STREET WIDENING.

Section 6. The said company shall, at its own expense, put the travel portion of the highway in as good condition as it was before construction of the company's track, whether the change in said travel portion of the highway is occasioned by the widening, straightening or rebuilding of any street, or the building or rebuilding of any bridge or culvert, or by reason of reconstruction or repairs of said railway, or in the location or construction of any extension thereof, such widening, straightening, building, or reconstruction or rebuilding shall be done by said Town or by said company, as the Selectmen may elect; any widening, straightening or building of the railway located by this order to be shown upon said plan before construction is commenced, and the entire cost and expense of any work required to be done under this section shall be paid by said railway company, including the cost of land, or any rights therein, or any damages for the taking thereof; the roadway independent of the railway to be of sufficient width to properly accommodate other travel.

The entire cost of all such filling and excavating as may be required by the Selectmen within existing limits or layouts of streets, in order to provide for the railway or any extension thereof, including all expense incident to such filling and excavating, and the settlement of all damages and claims arising therefrom, shall be borne by said company. Any filling and excavating required in the construction of said railway hereby located to be shown upon the said plan before commencing construction.

GRADE, SNOW AND ICE.

Section 7. All tracks shall be laid in conformity with the plans approved by the railway commissioners. The roadbed is to be constructed with at least eighteen inches of suitable ballast

below base of rails, and properly drained. Surface water and existing water courses to be properly provided for at the expense of the railway company.

Said company shall not run snow plows or remove snow from its tracks unless they remove an amount of the snow from said streets or sidewalks sufficient to make such streets and sidewalks safe and convenient for public travel and satisfactory to the Selectmen. If any snow or ice is removed by said company, and it is done so as to leave any part of the street or sidewalk dangerous in the opinion of the Selectmen or Superintendent of Streets, they or either of them may cause such snow or ice to be removed as to make said streets and sidewalks safe and convenient for public travel, and the expense thereof shall be charged to and paid by the said railway company.

SEWER MAINS AND PIPES.

Section 8. If at any time said Town shall lay sewer mains or other pipes in said streets, or widen said streets, or raise or lower the grade thereof, or make any alteration or excavation therein, and it shall be necessary to remove any of the tracks of said company, the expense of such removal and of relaying said tracks shall be borne by said company, in conformance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SURPLUS MATERIAL.

Section 9. The company shall at its own expense remove all waste and surplus material from the streets to spoil banks provided by the company, or to such points, 1500 ft. or more, as directed by the Board, but for excess haul over 1500 ft. the company shall be paid one-half cent per each 100 ft. for each load of not less than one yard. All ways shall be left in as good and safe condition as they were when the work was commenced, to the satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen.

The company shall not close or blockade any cross street or private highway during construction without permission from the Board of Selectmen.

POLES.

Section 10. All poles erected by said company shall be of chestnut or cedar, or of such wood and size and form as the Selectmen may direct, and shall be of sufficient strength to carry any and all wires that may at any time be attached to them, and shall be kept painted and of such color as the Selectmen shall determine. Cross bars shall be placed on all the poles erected by the company if required by the Selectmen. All poles shall be firmly set not less than six feet in the ground, and shall be on one side of the street whenever required by the Selectmen, be of such height, not exceeding forty feet above ground, as the Selectmen may order, so as to provide suitable spaces on said poles, above the wires and attachments of the railway company, for attaching and supporting other wires.

WIRES.

Section 11. Trolley wires, feed wires and all other wires shall be maintained not less than twenty feet from the ground, unless otherwise authorized by the Selectmen. Guard wires shall be placed over trolley wires wherever required by the Selectmen.

Said Board of Selectmen shall have the right to order that all wires in said street shall be placed upon the poles of said company, without prejudice, however, to the right of said company to receive reasonable compensation from other companies for the use of its poles, or arrangements shall be made by said company with all other companies now having wires strung or having the right to string wires in said streets, whereby they shall be granted the right to use said company's poles for their wires, wherever the same will not be detrimental to the said railway company; but no wires belonging to any other company or person shall be placed upon said poles without permission first being obtained in writing from the Selectmen.

Any department of said Town shall have the exclusive use of the upper cross bar and the top of each pole, free of charge, for the purpose of placing wires thereon for its own use.

All wires shall be so placed as not to interfere with, or be in dangerous proximity to, any existing wires belonging to the Town of Westford.

Proper bonding shall be made to convey all return current.

Section 12. Wherever said track passes opposite the entrance of any private avenue or driveway, said company shall plank, pave or macadamize said driveway or avenue, as required by the Selectmen, between the rails and for suitable distance, not exceeding eighteen inches on the sides thereof. And wherever the track crosses a street, walk or gutter, said company shall properly pave or macadamize the same, if required by the Selectmen, and the said walk or gutter has been previously paved or macadamized.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

Section 13. Until such time as the Town of Westford may adopt a system of public lighting in the villages through which the tracks of said company are to be maintained, the Board of Selectmen may order to be maintained at the company's expense proper electric lights of at least 25 candle power at the more important street corners that in the opinion of the Board may be dangerous unless so lighted. These lights to be kept burning only during the hours when the railroad service is maintained.

RUNNING OF CARS AND FARES.

Section 14. Said railway company shall, unless prevented by accident or other unavoidable delay, or excused by the Selectmen, run its cars daily throughout the year in both directions between the terminus of its tracks at Ayer and the terminus of its tracks at North Chelmsford at regular intervals of not less than one hour each. The first car from said Ayer and from said North Chelmsford to start not later than six o'clock A. M., and the last car not earlier than ten o'clock P. M., provided, however, in case a later car is required reasonable accommodations shall be given for the transportation of passengers by said railway company.

The fare for a continuous ride between the Groton town line and Brookside Station shall not exceed five cents.

The fare for a continuous ride between Brookside Station and a point in North Chelmsford Village where proposed road will connect with the tracks of the Boston & Northern St. Railway shall not exceed five cents.

All school children attending the public schools shall be carried to and from school on such days as the schools are in session for ten rides for twenty-five cents, which will be furnished in the form of strip tickets good for school children only. Said tickets to be furnished to the Superintendent of Schools in such numbers as he may request, who will take charge of the sale of the same to the children attending the public schools.

Said company shall carry free of charge all members of the police and fire department wearing their badge of office in the performance of their duties.

BOND.

Section 15. The said company before beginning the construction of said railway shall execute and deliver to the Town of Westford a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) conditioned to indemnify the said Town, its officers and agents, from and against all claims and demands for injury to person or property, all costs, charges and expenses, or compensation for or on account of any defect or defects in said streets in consequence of said company's failure to keep its tracks, turnouts and switches in repair, or in any way resulting from the construction and operation of said street railway company upon and over said streets, and to reimburse said Town for all loss or damage at any time sustained by it on account of said defects.

And also that it will save harmless said Town and its officers and agents from all claims or demands for injury to person or property, costs, charges and expenses growing out of, or resulting from, the erection, maintenance, operation and use of electric system for motive power.

The Selectmen may at any time after the expiration of the above bond, or any subsequent bond, require a new bond upon the same conditions as above set forth.

TIME OF COMPLETION.

Section 16. The company shall complete the construction of proposed road within eighteen months from the date of acceptance of this franchise.

TREES.

Section 17. No trees or shrubs shall be cut or trimmed by said railway company except by permission of the Tree Warden.

Section 18. The terms "Board of Selectmen," "Selectmen" and "Board," as used in this order of location and in terms, conditions and obligations to which said order is subject, are intended and shall be taken to extend to and include all successors of the existing Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Selectmen of Westford.

A True Copy. Attest:

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Westford, Mass., Feb. 5, 1903.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN.

WESTFORD, Feb. 17, 1903.

As Tree Warden I submit the following report.

Number of trees bolted, three. The balance of work done was in trimming trees that I found in different parts of the town that were liable to do damage to covered carriages, as the branches were hanging down and were lower than they should be for safety to passing teams.

W. H. H. BURBECK,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

WESTFORD, Feb. 17, 1903.

As Sealer of Westford, Mass., I submit the following report.

Number of hay scales.....	6
Number of platform scales.....	19
Number of counter scales.....	17
Number of spring balances.....	2
Number of steelyards.....	1
Total	45

WINE MEASURE.

Sealed cans and glass jars as follows:

Number of cans	20
Number of glass jars	51
Total	71
Number of measures, one gallon	8
Number of measures, two quarts	10
Number of measures, one quart	4
Number of measures, pint	1
Total	23

DRY MEASURE.

One-half bushel	1
One peck measure	1
One-half peck measure	1
One two-quart measure	1
Total	4

W. H. H. BURBECK,

Sealer.

ASSESSORS' REPORT, 1902.

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1 . . .	\$717,700 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1 . . .	453,386 00
Value of personal estate, May 1	328,504 00
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Total valuation for taxable purposes.	\$1,499,590 00

AMOUNT RAISED.

For purchase of books and periodicals for library	\$ 150 00	
Preparing and printing catalogue	300 00	
Care and improvement of cemeteries	200 00	
Care of roads and bridges	3,000 00	
Town debts and charges	2,000 00	
Public schools	6,000 00	
Tuition of high school scholars at Academy	1,500 00	
Support of poor	2,000 00	
School text books and supplies.	600 00	
Painting Town House and fence.	250 00	
Painting Forge Village School-house.	125 00	
Library note	500 00	
State note and interest	1,320 00	
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State tax		765 00
County tax		1,602 71
Overlaysings		577 12
Additional taxes		28 68
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Total tax levy		\$20,918 51

Number of polls	697	
Horses	412	
Cows	748	
Sheep	42	
Neat cattle	198	
Swine	64	
Houses	480	
Fowls	2,525	
Tax on one hundred dollars		\$1 30

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall	\$13,500 00	
Public Library	26,000 00	
Town Farm	7,000 00	
Public Parks	1,500 00	
Cemeteries	1,500 00	
Centre School-house	3,500 00	
Stony Brook School-house	1,500 00	
Forge Village School-house	3,800 00	
Nashoba School-house	1,500 00	
Parkerville School-house	1,800 00	
Minot's Corner School-house	1,500 00	
Nabnassett School-house	1,500 00	
Long-Sought-For School-house	1,600 00	
Wright School-house	1,500 00	
Graniteville School-house	4,500 00	
Fire apparatus	350 00	
Trust Funds	2,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$74,550 00

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1899.

Adams, Howard T.	\$8 74	
Balser, Arthur W.	3 53	
Hunt, James	3 68	
O'Brien, James F.	2 38	
Riney, Joseph B.	2 15	
	<hr/>	\$20 48

1900.

Amos, Charles.....	\$2 00
Berthume, Joseph.....	2 00
Balser, Arthur W.....	2 00
Burleigh, William C.....	2 00
Bean, Napoleon	2 24
Chapman, Percy A	2 00
Demarais, George	24
Duggrey, Moses	2 00
Dufree, Victor	2 00
Floyd, Samuel M.....	2 00
Knights, Hoyt S	3 60
Kent, Thomas	2 00
Keefe, David	2 00
Levine, Eugene	2 00
Leland, Louisa Mrs.....	3 76
Mahoney, Timothy	2 00
Mosek, Asador	2 00
Naylor, Charles F	2 24
Payerer, Edward.....	2 24
Riney, Frank B.....	2 00
Riney, Joseph B.....	2 00
Rosseau, Joseph	2 00
O'Brien, John W. 2d	2 24
Sullivan, Florence, estate	8 80
Stirk, Frederick	2 40
Stevens, William E.....	16
Shaw, Charles F.....	2 00
Smith, Simon	2 00
Shea, James	2 00
Kelley, Georgiana Mrs.....	2 56
Lambert, A. W.....	2 50
Lambert, L. T.....	2 00
Sullivan, Michael.....	2 00

 \$74 98

1901.

Anderson, Joseph	\$2 00
Asador, Salomon	2 00
Bennett, Stanley	2 00
Bellingage, Victor	2 00
Barlow, John	2 00
Bick, Michael	2 00
Canton, Philip	2 00
Carlson, Herbert H.	2 00
Donnelly, William J.	2 00
Dolliver, Henry	2 46
Dion, Flavian	2 52
Evans, John	2 00
Finnegan, Thomas	2 00
Foy, Charles	2 00
Goodrow, Charles S.	2 00
Hunt, Thomas	2 00
Harper, George	2 00
Haines, Roger	2 00
Harvey, John H.	2 00
Leland, Hiram	3 63
Larson, Michael	2 00
London, Arthur	2 00
Larme, Edward	2 00
Larme, Napoleon	2 00
Lacourse, Joseph	2 00
McMaster, Harry, error ..	2 00
McLaughlin, Arthur	2 00
McBride, William E., error ..	2 00
Moisson, William	2 00
Mardust, Joseph	2 00
Miller, Thomas	2 00
McManaman, Frank	2 00
Martin, James	2 00
Markel, Jacob	2 00
Malviney, Orloff	2 00
Mackey, Victor	2 00
Northrup, Adino	2 00

Amount carried forward.....

————— \$76 61

Amount brought forward.....		\$76 61
Nichols, Moses G.	\$2 00	
O'Brien, John W. 2d, error	2 00	
Osgood, George B., error	2 00	
Perron, J.	2 00	
Peltier, Henry	2 13	
Peno, Alec	2 00	
Palmer, Charles E.	2 00	
Riney, Frank D.	2 00	
Riney, Joseph D.	2 00	
Stirk, Frederick	2 00	
Stevens, Willie G.	33	
Swanson, Andrew	2 00	
Senk, Arret	2 00	
Tobey, George H.	2 00	
Voyager, Peter	2 00	
Welch, Edward	2 13	
Wild, James T.	2 00	
Wiggin, Fred F.	2 00	
Walts, James	2 00	
Kelley, Georgiana Mrs.	2 08	
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		\$99 28

1902.

Laduc, Given, error	\$2 00	
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		\$ 2 00
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		\$212 74

SUMMARY.

Abatement taxes 1899.....	\$ 20 48	
1900.....	74 98	
1901.....	115 28	
1902.....	2 00	
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		\$212 74

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,
Assessors of Westford.

TAX COLLECTORS' REPORT.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1899.

Henry Herrick Estate	\$2 14
Warren E. Merrill	2 00
George F. Blair	77
Harry C. Green	46
Total	<u>\$5 37</u>

(Signed)

A. L. PRIOR,

Collector.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1900.

Loammi C. Bicknell	\$ 4 08
Henry Herrick Estate.....	2 24
William W. Johnson	2 56
Warren E. Merrill	2 00
John O'Brien	2 00
Robert O'Dell	2 00
Charles F. Shugrue	23 28
Nathaniel Sweetser Estate	12 00
George F. Blair Estate	80
Harry C. Green	48
Bertram N. Hutchins	1 60
Total	<u>\$53 04</u>

(Signed)

A. L. PRIOR,

Collector.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1901.

Charles L. Adams	\$12 59
Emily C. Blood	12 35
Loammi C. Bicknell	11 31
Amount carried forward.....	<u>\$36 25</u>

Amount brought forward.....	\$36 25
Charles H. Bicknell	14 03
Alvin J. Blaisdell	50 04
John P. Brown	2 00
James A. Berry	10 60
Mrs. Bridget Carr	5 85
Peter Clement	2 00
Mrs. Walter H. Cummings Estate	9 75
Irving T. Cummings	2 00
Alfred O. Davis	2 00
Nathaniel J. Decatur	2 17
William H. Decatur	57 21
William H. DeRoehn	2 00
Samuel N. Eaton	2 00
Mrs. Abbie M. Evans	5 98
Samuel Fletcher Estate	153 86
Harry N. Fletcher.....	2 00
Jacob Forrest.....	2 00
Roscoe Gould	2 00
Henry Herrick Estate	1 82
Daniel Hickey	2 00
William W. Johnson	24 36
William H. Johnson	1 53
Mark W. Jenkins	21 25
Selden W. Kimball	5 51
Luther Lawton	14 03
George W. Lincoln	2 00
Daniel Lahey	2 00
Frederick Martin, 2d.....	2 00
Isaac G. Minot.....	1 04
Walter J. Merritt	2 00
William Moisson	39
B. F. Nutting	30 28
John W. O'Brien	10 59
John O'Brien	2 00
Honora O'Brien.....	48 82
James F. O'Brien	6 18
B. F. Parrott	10 40
Amount carried forward.....	\$551 94

Amount brought forward	\$551 94
Elmer Pitts	1 43
Charles F. Shugrue	28 00
Thomas O'Sullivan	32 01
Mrs. Nathaniel Sweetser	9 10
Warren P. Sweetser	30 26
John E. Ward	10 20
Daniel Ward	16 18
Thomas Whigham	2 00
Willey M. Wright	2 00
Mrs. Willey M. Wright	8 13
Walter W. Wyman	2 33
Mrs. Ida Wyman Estate	12 68
Charles L. West	8 18
Mrs. Mary J. Ward	8 68
Sarah Wadsworth Estate	3 84
Mrs. Ida M. Voter	7 80
Mrs. Thomas Sheahan	1 04
Adams & Dutton	65
John N. Perry Estate	3 90
Tripena Robbins Estate	78
Benjamin O. Robbins	3 06
Willisted & Marinel	4 42
Charles A. Vinal	13 00
George F. Proctor	52
George F. Blair Estate	65
George W. Cummings	33
Edward Duren	3 25
Frank Brady	9 75
Harry C. Green	39
Charles F. Varnum	19 24
Bertram N. Hutchins	1 30
Walter W. Johnson	9 10
George A. Parker	5 20
Total	<hr/> \$811 34

A. L. PRIOR,

Collector.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1902.

Charles L. Adams	\$11 35
Frederick Amission	2 00
Alick Arokel	2 00
Michael Adam	2 00
Mrs. Emily C. Blood	12 35
Loammi C. Bicknell	11 57
Charles H. Bicknell	17 34
Alvin J. Blaisdell	51 08
George A. Blaisdell	2 00
George W. Butterworth	2 00
John H. Brown	2 65
John P. Brown	2 00
Ernest A. Boies	10 78
Paul Bick	30 28
George Billings	2 00
John Baker	2 00
George Buckingham	33
John S. Brown	2 00
Frank Byron	2 00
Daniel Burke	2 00
Ernest C. Bradbury	2 00
Charles Brooks, paid since audit	2 00
Charles W. Cann	3 66
Michael Carr	2 33
Mrs. Bridget Carr	5 85
Arthur H. Comey	2 33
John W. Caunter	39
Peter Clement	2 33
Mrs. Walter H. Cummings Estate	9 75
Irving T. Cummings	2 20
Peter Coffey	2 00
Noel Cancreal	2 00
John Chorlie	2 00
Thomas Carr	2 00
Alfred S. Davis Estate	20 35
C. R. P. Decatur	26 70

Amount carried forward..... \$257 62

Amount brought forward.....	\$257 62
Nathaniel J. Decatur	3 30
William H. Decatur	58 29
Thomas Dunn Estate	14 95
Thomas F. Dunn.....	2 00
George J. Dunn	2 00
James Delaney	2 00
William Dinsmore	2 00
William Duffey	2 00
Joseph Delotte.....	2 00
Minot H. A. Evans	42 25
Samuel N. Eaton	2 00
Charles A. Eaton.....	2 00
Abbie M. Evans	5 98
John L. Flynn	2 00
Augustus Flint Estate	7 80
Charles A. Flanders	3 04
Samuel Fletcher Estate	142 48
Harry N. Fletcher.....	2 00
Mrs. Augusta Frederick	6 50
Patrick J. Farley.....	2 00
Robert Foy	2 00
Jonathan Good	2 00
James Grimley	2 00
Krikor Garo	2 00
Antonio Gay	2 00
James H. Hall	7 15
Anthony Healy	2 00
Henry Herrick Estate	1 82
Henry A. Hildreth	35 10
Thomas Hughes	2 00
John Hall, 2d.....	2 00
Frank Hennessey	2 00
Axel Hagberg	2 65
Paul Hamil	2 00
James Henry	2 00
Mrs. Annie Harrap	85
William J. Harrap	2 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$635 78

Amount brought forward.....	\$635 78
John Hamparzoom.....	2 00
Peter Henderson	2 00
Thomas Harmon	2 00
William W. Johnson	25 80
William H. Johnson	2 00
Mark W. Jenkins.....	20 34
Carl Johnson	2 00
Gustave Johnson	2 00
Selden W. Kimball	3 94
Willis H. Kenrick	2 39
John Kelley	2 00
George A. Leland, paid since audit	2 13
Leroy B. Leland	2 00
Hiram Leland	3 63
Arthur Longbottom	2 20
Walter Longbottom	2 00
Edwin Lovell	8 63
Charles A. Lunberg.....	2 00
Luther Lawton	14 03
Jacob W. Lane	2 00
John Lorman	2 00
Joseph Lee	2 00
John Larson	2 13
Malcolm Lunberg	2 00
Paul Lindstrom	2 00
Joseph Lapoint	2 00
Joseph Langley	3 95
Fred. Martin, 2d	2 00
Joseph F. McCarty	2 00
Frank McGlinchey	2 00
Henry Monahan	15 00
Isaac G. Minot	1 04
Herbert H. Mills	2 00
James L. Moss	2 00
Walter J. Merritt	3 30
Arthur McLaughlin.....	2 00
James E. McLaughlin.....	2 00
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$790 29

Amount brought forward.....	\$790 29
Henry Miller	2 00
A. Mann	2 00
James Moore	2 00
Edward Mooney	2 00
Warren E. Merrill	2 00
B. F. Nutting	29 95
Moses G. Nichols	2 00
George N. Nicklin	2 00
John J. Nalten.....	2 00
William H. Newman	2 65
I. E. Noyes	2 00
John W. O'Brien	10 13
John O'Brien	2 00
Mrs. Honora O'Brien	54 41
John W. O'Brien, 2d	2 00
Abraham Orange.....	2 00
George B. Osgood	2 00
Charles O'Connell	2 00
William H. Petherick	2 00
Joseph Provost	2 00
Thomas Payne.....	2 00
B. F. Parrott	12 40
Arthur B. Parrott	3 90
Charles Peters	2 00
John Porter	2 00
John Quinn	2 00
James F. Quinn	2 00
Ephraim Reed	2 00
Timothy A. Riney	2 00
Timothy D. Riney	2 00
Elisha H. Roper	2 00
Willard T. Reed	2 00
Edward Reed.....	2 00
C. Frederick Seifer	18 06
Charles F. Shugrue	26 38
Tim Sullivan	2 00
Thomas O'Sullivan	32 55
Amount carried forward.....	\$1,036 72

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,036 72
Eugene Sullivan	2 00
Hugh Stark	2 00
Nathaniel Sweetser Estate	9 10
Warren P. Sweetser	30 64
Samuel D. Sweatt Estate	13 33
Daniel W. Sherman	2 00
William E. Symmes	14 49
Fred. H. Shorey	37 36
Jeff Smith.....	2 00
Asador Sarkissian	2 00
Dominick Shajian	2 00
A. Sarkis.....	2 00
Loring B. Taylor	2 00
Noel Tancreal	2 00
George H. Voter	2 20
John Varkin	2 00
John E. Ward	8 51
Daniel Ward	16 31
Westford First Parish	1 69
Sarah F. Whitney	29 71
Thomas Whigham.....	2 00
Willey M. Wright	2 00
Mrs. Willey M. Wright	8 13
Walter W. Wyman	2 33
Mrs. Ida Wyman Estate	12 68
Charles L. West.....	8 18
Abel C. Whittier	85 62
George H. Whitney	2 00
John Watson	2 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Sarah Wadsworth Estate.....	\$3 84
John Yates	78
Nathan Symonds Estate	65
Herbert Bruce Estate.....	1 04
Mrs. Ida M. Voter	7 80

Amount carried forward..... \$1,359 11

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,359 11
George O'Byam.....	2 47
Thomas Sheahan.....	1 04
Adams & Dutton.....	65
Frank Naylor.....	2 60
J. B. Emerson Estate.....	12 35
George H. Holt.....	98
John N. Perry Estate.....	3 90
Tripena Robbins Estate.....	78
Benjamin O. Robbins.....	3 06
Willisted & Marinel.....	4 42
Charles A. Vinal.....	13 00
Mrs. Georgiana Kelley.....	2 08
George Nutting.....	2 60
George C. Danforth.....	11 70
George F. Proctor.....	52
Emery J. Whitney.....	26
Jeffrey & Reed.....	1 56
P. J. Riley.....	1 95
George F. Blair Estate.....	65
George W. Cummings.....	33
Edward Duren.....	3 25
M. C. Pratt Estate.....	19 50
Frank Brady.....	9 75
Harry O. Green.....	39
Bernard Riley.....	3 25
Charles F. Varnum.....	19 24
Bertram N. Hutchins.....	1 30
Maurice Daley.....	10 40
M. M. Doyle.....	5 20
John Brady.....	21 38
Jeptha Cummings Estate.....	2 01
Catherine Tyng Estate.....	1 30
George A. Parker Estate.....	5 20
Otis L. Caldwell.....	97
Total.....	\$1,529 15

(Signed)

A. L. PRIOR,

Collector of Taxes.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary	\$100 00	
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expenses.....	36 50	
	<hr/>	\$136 50

TOWN CLERK.

Edward Fisher, salary	12 00	
Services as Clerk pro tem.	10 00	
Recording 24 marriages at 20 cents ...	4 80	
29 deaths at 20 cents	5 80	
63 births at 50 cents.....	31 50	
Extra services at State election	3 00	
Attending Town Clerks' Meeting at Ayer	3 00	
Making out report.....	5 00	
Postage	1 70	
	<hr/>	\$76 80

SELECTMEN.

Sherman H. Fletcher, salary	\$ 5 00	
Making out State Aid Book	6 00	
Making 24 State Aid and Indigent Soldiers' returns under Chap. 79, Revised Laws	6 00	
Making out Town Report	10 00	
Time and expense on highways.....	40 00	
Extra time as Selectman.....	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$112 00

Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways	35 00	
Extra time as Selectman	35 00	
Services as clerk of Board	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$85 00

Albert P. Richardson, salary	\$ 5 00	
Time and expense on highways	35 00	
Extra time as Selectman	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$65 00

AUDITOR.

Hugh F. Leith, services	\$35 00
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ASSESSORS.

George H. Hartford, 35 days taking invoice and making taxes	\$87 50	
Taking school census	25 00	
Samuel L. Taylor, 22 days taking invoice and making taxes	55 00	
J. Willard Fletcher, 28 days taking invoice and making taxes	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$237 50

INSPECTOR OF MEAT.

Edward Fisher, services	\$13 00
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur L. Prior, collecting \$20,033.07 taxes at 1 per cent.	\$200 33	
Arthur L. Prior, cash paid for postage, blanks, etc.	22 48	
Walter C. Wright, collecting \$1435.40 taxes at 1 per cent.	14 35	
Field & Cowles, Collector's bond	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$277 16

CONSTABLES.

Eugene De Roehn, posting warrants, March, 1902	\$ 5 00	
John A. Healy, notifying delinquent dog owners	15 00	
John A. Healy, notifying Town officers elected, services and expenses	41 00	
Arthur L. Prior, posting warrants, services and expenses	45 83	
	<hr/>	\$106 83

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nelson L. Tuttle, eight meetings	\$16 00	
Quincy W. Day, eight meetings	16 00	
Alfred Woodbury, eight meetings	16 00	
Edward Fisher, eight meetings	16 00	
Edward Fisher, Clerk of Board	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$74 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

George T. Day, services	\$65 00
\$32.50 refunded by State.	

PRECINCT OFFICERS, BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Precinct One.

T. Arthur E. Wilson, Inspector, Novem- ber	\$ 2 00	
George H. Hartford, Warden, November, 1901	3 00	
George H. Hartford, Warden, November, 1902	3 00	
George H. Hartford, Ballot Clerk, March, 1902	2 00	
John M. Fletcher, Clerk, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902	14 00	
John M. Fletcher, Teller, 1900, 1901, 1902,	6 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, Teller, November, 1902,	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$32 00

Precinct Two.

John A. Healy, care of ballot box, 1901, 1902.....	\$5 00	
Daniel E. Splain, Warden, 1901	3 00	
Timothy Riney, Warden, 1902	3 00	
Walter C. Wright, Clerk, 1902	3 00	
Joe Wall, Ballot Clerk, March, 1902	2 00	
Joe Wall, Inspector, November, 1902 ..	2 00	
Victor H. Gurney, Inspector, November, 1902.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$20 00

Precinct Three.

Anthony H. Saunders, care of ballot box, 1901, 1902	\$5 00	
M. L. McGlinchey, Warden, November, 1902.....	3 00	
Amos B. Polley, Inspector, November, 1902.....	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$10 00
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		\$62 00

TRUANT OFFICER.

Ai Bicknell, services	\$4 75
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UNDERTAKER.

Albert P. Richardson, attending 32 funerals with hearse	\$64 00	
Making 28 returns.....	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$71 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. E. Richardson, Superintendent.....	\$800 00	
H. E. Richardson, expenses	7 98	
H. E. Richardson, postage and stationery	10 00	
H. M. Seavey, making out report	5 00	
H. M. Seavey making report to State ..	5 00	
H. M. Seavey, Supply Agent	56 91	
	<hr/>	\$884 89

Amount received from State on account of Superintendent of Schools, \$625, divided as follows: \$250 for schools, \$375 to general fund.

APPRAISING PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

John M. Fletcher, service appraising property and making out report, 1900, 1901.....	\$6 00
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TOWN COMMON.

Ai Bicknell, clearing common	\$5 00	
S. B. Wright, mowing common	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$8 00

TREE WARDEN.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services.....	\$10 00	
Printers' ink.....	1 10	
	<hr/>	\$11 10

SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS AND ARTICLES FURNISHED.

CENTRE SCHOOL-HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

Adams Hardware Co., 1 bell	\$ 50	
Three chairs	6 00	
Hiram Dane, labor	19 30	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	4 94	
	<hr/>	\$30 74

STONY BROOK SCHOOL-HOUSE.

J. H. Decatur, labor	\$1 80	
H. C. Crocket & Co., boring well	249 00	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., well stone and setting same	12 00	
George H. Holt, 1 pump	32 70	
W. W. Johnson, teaming well stone	2 50	
J. H. O'Brien, labor	6 35	
H. H. Wilder & Co., repair of furnace...	34 89	
Pail, broom and thermometer.....	95	
Joe Wall, labor and stock	34 50	
	<hr/>	\$384 69

FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL-HOUSE—TWO SCHOOLS.

D. E. Splain, supplies	\$ 82	
Eugene De Roehn	75	
James Stanley, cleaning clock	2 00	
Hiram Dane, painting school-house	37 78	
Wright & Fletcher, paint stock	52 16	
J. H. Colburn, labor and stock	6 50	
Wright & Bemis, supplies	1 03	
	<hr/>	\$101 04

\$125 appropriated for painting school-house.

NASHOBA SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Chairs, brooms, etc.	\$11 00
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PARKERVILLE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

F. Symmes, repair of clock	\$1 00	
One broom	35	
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MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

J. E. Knight, labor	\$1 50	
Brooms and thermometer	90	
	<hr/>	\$2 40

NABNASSETT SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Masury, Young & Co., 1-2 bbl. Nodusto,	\$38 40	
James King, labor and stock	2 94	
Bon Marche, window shades	2 40	
One broom	35	
	<hr/>	\$44 09

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Eugene De Roehn, labor	\$ 2 35	
George H. Holt, repair of pump	15 00	
Joe Wall, labor	5 00	
F. L. Fletcher, supplies	4 35	
Tucke & Parker, electrical supplies	3 35	
Chamberlain & Co., window shades	8 10	
Gookin Bros., kindergarten chairs	6 00	
Wright & Bemis, supplies	6 16	
	<hr/>	\$50 31
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		\$625 62

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$238 63	
F. H. Saunders	1 07	
E. E. Babb & Co	166 30	
A. P. Schmidt.....	3 20	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co	45 09	
Ginn & Co.	37 07	
American Book Co.....	11 88	
J. & I. E. Moore	3 70	
S. A. Weaver	1 80	
Educational Pub. Co.....	33 09	
University Pub. Co.....	14 01	
W. B. Harison	9 72	
H. S. Turner	1 40	
Wright & Fletcher	2 15	
	<hr/>	\$569 11

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Ai Bicknell, Janitor, Feb. 1, 1902, to Feb. 1, 1903	\$100 00	
Ai Bicknell, cutting wood.....	4 00	
Ai Bicknell, extra work	2 00	
Mary P. Bunce, Librarian, Feb. 1, 1902, to Feb. 1, 1903	180 00	
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Amount carried forward		\$286 00

Amount brought forward.....		\$286 00
Mary P. Bunce, cleaning Library.....	\$ 3 25	
Mary P. Bunce, extra work.....	15 00	
Mary P. Bunce, cash paid for express and freight	33 37	
Mary P. Bunce, cash paid for electric bat- tery	1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies, as per bill...	10 09	
John A. Healy, 2 3-4 tons coal.....	19 25	
E. Robinson, labor on clock.....	1 75	
George E. Gould, team for transporting clock.....	7 00	
Marshall & Crosby, repairing clock	7 00	
Wright & Fletcher, 13 1700-2240 tons coal	86 25	
Teaming coal	11 56	
John Callaghan, labor on furnace.....	25 00	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasoline	29 68	
Coggeshall & Piper, engraving and seal ..	18 00	
G. E. Hutchins, rubber stamp	1 20	
C. B. Botsford, paper, etc.....	4 30	
Two-hundred lbs. lawn dressing.....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$563 70

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

Ai Bicknell, services Feb., March	\$12 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, delivering and collect- ing books	22 50	
	<hr/>	\$34 50

EXPENSE OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

A. L. Prior, Rafferty case.....	\$4 28
A. L. Prior, M. F. Downs case.....	7 40
A. L. Prior, F. L. Downs case	4 20
A. L. Prior, Edw. Vinal case.....	7 20
John A. Healy, Mosek case	5 14
John A. Healy, Le Claire case	6 34
John A. Healy, Richardson case	6 34

Amount carried forward..... \$40 90

Amount brought forward.....		\$40 90
John A. Healy, Doherty case.....	\$8 64	
John A. Healy, search for stolen goods...	3 14	
John A. Healy, search for intoxicating liquors.....	8 40	
Thos. Manning, Cruickshank case	9 76	
Thos. Manning, Richardson case	3 42	
	<hr/>	\$74 26

RECEIVED FROM FINES.

Rafferty	\$15 00	
Downs.....	75 00	
Vinal	75 00	
Cruickshank	25 00	
Le Claire.....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$240 00

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

The following report on guide posts and guide boards is submitted.

During the past year we have placed one new guide board at corner of roads at North Cemetery. Guide board repainted near Pine Ridge Station, and one new guide board at Brookside Corner. We wish to call attention to the heavy penalty for any person who defaces or destroys guide boards.

The following expense has occurred:

Joe Wall, painting guide boards.....	\$4 00
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PRINTING.

Courier-Citizen Co., Town Clerk.....	\$ 4 25
Courier-Citizen Co., 725 Town Reports...	106 05
Courier-Citizen Co., ballots, etc.....	14 25
Courier-Citizen Co., School Committee ..	6 50
Courier-Citizen Co., warrants	5 50
Courier-Citizen Co., stamped envelopes..	12 25
Courier-Citizen Co., bill heads, etc., School Committee.....	7 25
Courier-Citizen Co., notices.....	2 50
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Amount carried forward.....	\$158 55
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Amount brought forward.....		\$158 55
Lowell Daily Mail, Cemetery Committee .	\$4 90	
Lowell Daily Mail, list of polls	12 00	
G. W. Southworth, Assessors.....	5 88	
P. B. Murphy, Town Clerk	2 50	
M. G. Wight, Tax Collector.....	9 00	
F. A. Frost & Co., Library	9 80	
	<hr/>	\$202 63

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

By orders	\$2936 84
See Overseer's Report.	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services	\$25 00
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INSURANCE.

Boston Insurance Co., \$1000 on Town House.....	\$30 00	
Boston Insurance Co., \$3000 on Graniteville School-house	90 00	
Penn. Insurance Co., \$2500 on contents of Library	93 75	
Penn. Insurance Co., \$2500 on Town Farm building	67 50	
Traders and Mechanics Insurance Co., \$1212 on Town Farm building.....	21 03	
Dorchester Insurance Co., \$944 on Town Farm building	26 46	
Holyoke Insurance Co., \$944 less ret. div., on Town Farm building	4 37	
	<hr/>	\$333 11

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association.....	\$50 00
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TOWN HOUSE.

Ai Bicknell, Janitor, from Feb. 1902, to Feb. 1, 1903.....	\$96 00	
Ai Bicknell, extra work	2 00	
James Stanley, repair of clock	3 00	
Wright & Fletcher 3 139-448 tons coal....	20 51	
Teaming coal	2 48	
Wright & Fletcher, glass, oil, chimneys, etc	22 18	
J. H. Fletcher, oil, etc.....	7 44	
Rubbers for chairs	72	
One large square lantern	2 25	
Crockery, knives and forks for kitchen....	14 75	
Floor wax.....	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$174 63

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory	\$175 00	
Rent of building.....	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$250 00

PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By order	\$195 93
See Commissioner's Report.	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Sections 18 and 19, Revised Laws.

James A. Graham, Feb. 1, 1902, to Feb., 1903.....	\$96 00	
G. A. Hood, Feb. 1, 1902, to Feb. 1903 ...	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$144 00

BURIAL DECEASED SOLDIERS' WIDOWS.

A. P. Richardson, widow of Orin Seavey .	\$35 00
\$35 to be refunded by State.	

STATE AND MILITARY AID

To soldiers, sailors, and families of same as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws.

STATE AID.

From Jan. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903 \$654 00

MILITARY AID.

From Jan. 1, 1902, to April 1, 1902..... \$15 00

FOREST FIRES AND OTHER FIRES.

The following fires have occurred during the past year, and estimated damages by the Forest Fire Wards.

		No. of Acres.	Damage.
March	27—On land of G. W. Bussey	12	\$129 00
April	29—On land of G. W. Nesmith ..	30	750 00
	29—On land of Hutchins Bros ...	25	125 00
	29—On land of heirs of John Martin.....	16	240 00
	29—On land of A. P. Richardson.	4	80 00
	29—On land of Ida E. Leighton..	20	200 00
	29—On land of heirs of Daniel Gage	6	30 00
	29—On land of Mrs. Jennie Wilkins	30	180 00
	29—On land of Daniel Atwood ..	10	50 00
May	9—On land of heirs of Emily A. Fletcher	5	25 00
	9—On land of Oren Cooledge ...	8	160 00
	9—On land of Oscar R. Spalding	30	450 00
	9—On land of J. Henry Fletcher	20	500 00
	9—On land of Catholic Cemetery	5	25 00
	9—On land of John Blaisdell....	6	30 00
	9—On land of heirs of Rufus Patten.....	18	90 00
	25—On land of Edward Prescott..	25	125 00
		<hr/> 270	<hr/> \$3189 00

The fires occurring April 29 and May 9 were caused from locomotive on Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R. Damage was paid by Boston and Maine R. R.

DWELLING HOUSES AND BARNs.

- July 28—Dwelling house of Mrs. Joseph Gould, occupied by Joseph Moran and family, and A. Houle and family. Value of building, \$1500; insurance, \$1300; total loss.
- November 24—Dwelling house and barn of Mary E. Reed, in Graniteville, occupied by John Mosek and family. Value of buildings, \$2000; insurance, \$1500; total loss. Value of contents, \$300, no insurance.

In the spring, a grass fire occurred on the farm of Henry A. Hildreth, from sparks from locomotive on Nashua, Acton & Boston R. R., which destroyed barns and shed and damaged house of Mr. Hildreth. Estimated loss, \$600. Damage paid by Boston & Maine R. R.

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE HAS OCCURRED.

Edward Prescott, Forest Fire Ward, 1900,	\$ 5 00	
John A. Healy, and others, fires on line N., A. & B. R. R., and near Forge Village.....	131 58	
C. A. Moore, for help on Bussey fire.....	18 00	
H. E. Fletcher, for help on fire north part of Westford	25 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, on Hildreth fire.....	2 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, on Gould fire	3 75	
W. H. H. Burbeck, services, Forest Fire Ward.....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$190 33

A part of this expense was refunded by Boston & Maine R. R.

LIBRARY CATALOGUE.

Lowell Mail, printing catalogue	\$91 50	
Mary P. Bunce, preparing catalogue ...	71 96	
Mary P. Bunce, preparing printers copy etc	25 00	
Courier-Citizen Co., printing catalogue ..	291 95	
	<hr/>	\$480 41

PAINTING TOWN HOUSE.

J. Henry Colburn, painting Town House		
two coats, as per contract	\$ 80 00	
J. Henry Colburn, extra work	6 25	
Wright & Fletcher, paint stock	100 10	
Wright & Fletcher, hardware and nails . .	8 85	
A. H. Sutherland, repairs	18 10	
Hiram Dane, whitewashing fence	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$228 30

ELECTRIC ROAD.

Two petitions were received by the Selectmen for locations for electric roads in town. One for the extension of the Old Stony Brook Valley Street Railway Co., whose franchise had expired, and one from the directors of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. A hearing was given each company, and then a joint hearing with the Selectmen of Chelmsford, Littleton and Ayer. After making careful investigation, the petitioners of the Stony Brook Valley Street Railway Co. were given leave to withdraw, and the franchise granted the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.

A copy of the franchise will be found in the Town Clerk's report, subject to the approval of the Railroad Commissioners.

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE HAS OCCURRED.

F. E. Rollins, stenographer, 2 hearings . .	\$33 00	
F. E. Rollins, stenographer, joint hearing.	20 80	
S. H. Fletcher, attending 3 hearings and other expenses	15 00	
W. O. Hawkes, attending 3 hearings and other expenses	15 00	
A. P. Richardson, attending 3 hearings other expenses	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$98 80

GENERAL EXPENSES.

J. A. Healy, use of team, Highway Com . .	\$ 3 00
Postage for Town Reports	20 00
J. A. Healy, team and time on Bik case . .	4 00
Waldo Bros., drain pipe	16 53
H. A. Hildreth, storage road machine, carts, and sled to June 19, 1902	7 00
J. Buck & Sons, one road plough	25 00
H. O. Keyes, removing old building from road	1 80
J. H. Colburn, painting hearse house	2 50
Eastern Clay Co., drain pipe	221 38
Ai Bicknell, use of team	1 50
John Feeney, repair of harnesses	10 35
R. S. Robson, repair of ballot box	6 75
Food for election officers	5 01
Casting for road machine	90
Tools for Road Department	17 25
J. R. Draper, M. D., return of 10 births . . .	2 50
S. L. Joslin, M. D., return of 22 births . . .	5 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., return of 27 births, 1901-02	6 75
Express and freight on school books	8 96
Troop F, Cavalry, allotment for Rifle Range	25 00
Wright & Fletcher, articles as per bill	11 67
W. O. Hawkes, cash for telephone	1 60
Postage for town officers	7 62
One gravel screen	8 00
Paint for hearse house	2 70
C. E. Whidden, express and freight	14 43
F. E. Varney, M. D., return 5 births	1 25
J. E. Knight, repair of carts	7 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., use of telephone for town officers	23 78
N. L. Tuttle, repair of cart	75
G. H. Philbrick, blacksmithing	1 45
F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	75 36

 \$547 79

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

In accordance with the Revised Laws, Benjamin F. Day was appointed Superintendent of Streets. The bills show what months they were paid, but not, in all cases, the month the work or expense occurred.

MARCH.

J. E. Wood, labor	\$ 3 00	
I. G. Hall, labor	13 00	
B. F. Day, labor	9 80	
Gravel	5 10	
1600 lbs. hay	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$38 90

APRIL.

Paul Hammell, labor	\$ 3 00	
H. Gadoway, labor	1 50	
M. Decoteau, labor	21 00	
Oscar Melvin, labor	11 25	
George McGowan, labor	11 63	
Samuel Crossland, labor	26 50	
Edward Moore, labor	48 00	
C. E. Whitcomb, labor	48 00	
Parvel Bik, labor	18 75	
T. Driscoll, labor	3 75	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	40 00	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., stone posts	7 50	
P. G. Collins, 3545 lbs. hay	28 37	
C. L. Howard, gravel	2 30	
	<hr/>	\$316 55

MAY.

J. A. Healy, team and labor	\$ 21 00	
George McGowan, labor	22 50	
H. W. Tarbell, labor	673 02	
I. G. Hall, labor	20 74	
	<hr/>	\$737 26
Amount carried forward		\$737 26

Amount brought forward.....	\$737 26	
Edward Moore, labor	48 00	
C. E. Whitcomb, labor.....	48 00	
M. Decoteau, labor	36 38	
L. Tancerell, labor	30 38	
John Dinsmore, labor.....	32 63	
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	12 38	
Parvel Bik, labor	30 38	
O. Milot, labor.....	29 32	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$1114 73

JUNE.

John Dinsmore, labor.....	\$27 10	
L. Tancerell, labor	32 25	
C. E. Whitcomb, labor.....	40 60	
O. Milot, labor	21 88	
Edward Moore, labor	48 00	
M. Decoteau, labor	32 25	
Parvel Bik, labor	30 75	
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	13 13	
S. M. Hutchins, hay	55 80	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	57 50	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., dualin and fuse ..	11 03	
J. A. Healy, grain, Mar., Apr., May	81 00	
	<hr/>	\$496 29

JULY.

Charles Marshall, labor	\$ 4 50	
Edward Moore, labor	48 00	
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	34 88	
John Dinsmore, labor.....	35 63	
L. Tancerell, labor	17 63	
C. E. Whitcomb, labor.....	48 00	
W. H. Good, labor	19 50	
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00	
Team.....	65 00	
C. M. Griffin, gravel.....	2 55	
	<hr/>	\$320 69

AUGUST.

H. W. Tarbell, labor.....	\$54 96
M. Decoteau, labor	22 13
John Dinsmore, labor	27 75
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	36 00
Parvel Bik, labor	23 25
Charles Marshall, labor	36 00
C. E. Whitcomb, labor.....	48 00
Edward Moore, labor	48 00
W. H. Good, labor	5 25
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00
Team.....	67 50
Wright & Fletcher, grain.....	15 00

 \$428 84

SEPTEMBER.

Charles Marshall, labor	\$ 7 50
C. E. Whitcomb, labor.....	48 00
Parvel Bik, labor	22 50
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	27 75
M. Decoteau, labor	21 75
S. McCauley, labor.....	21 75
R. Easedale, labor	19 50
J. A. Healy, grain, June, July	37 80
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00
Team.....	60 00

 \$311 55

OCTOBER.

W. C. Edwards, labor.....	\$ 47 01
H. W. Tarbell, labor.....	116 50
I. G. Hall, labor	46 15
M. Decoteau, labor	12 75
S. McCauley, labor	7 50
Edward Moore, labor	7 40
C. E. Whitcomb, labor.....	48 00
S. Crossland, labor	18 00
Robert Easedale, labor	36 27
W. W. Johnson, team	20 00
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00
Team	60 00

 \$464 58

NOVEMBER.

W. H. Gadoway, labor.....	\$ 3 00
I. G. Hall, labor	16 25
R. Easedale, labor	36 57
M. Elliott, labor	29 25
P. Teran, labor	26 25
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	33 00
O. Milot, labor.....	4 50
Charles E. Whitcomb, labor.....	38 75
Charles Coture, labor.....	4 00
B. F. Day, Superintendent.....	45 00
Team.....	55 00

\$291 57

DECEMBER.

H. E. Gould, labor.....	\$ 10 60
H. W. Tarbell, labor.....	167 04
R. Easedale, labor	12 38
Samuel Crossland, labor.....	4 50
W. W. Johnson, team	16 00
Heywood & Fletcher, gravel.....	6 05

\$216 57

JANUARY. .

H. V. Hildreth, labor	\$ 16 22
H. W. Tarbell, labor.....	10 08
W. H. H. Burbank, labor.....	7 50
T. Driscoll, labor.....	1 50
W. W. Johnson, labor	2 75
J. A. Healy, team and labor	-2 88
J. A. Healy, grain, Aug., Oct., Nov., Dec.,	63 83
A. Bunce, gravel.....	9 30
N. B. Blood, 3870 lbs. hay	30 96
H. D. Wright, covering stone	30 40
Jeptha Wright, gravel	8 05
B. F. Day, labor	16 50
Team.....	7 50
Gravel	4 40

\$211 87

\$4212 14

Appropriation, \$4000.

Schedule of property belonging to the town for use of Road Department: 2 horses, 1 set heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 4 whiffletrees and chains, 1 evener and spreader, 2 horse collars, 1 wrench, 1 wagon jack, 2 heavy chains, 1 stone lifter, 1 pair hand splices, 5 rakes, 15 shovels, 1 manure fork, 4 stone forks, 3 plows, 12 blasting drills, 1 drill spoon, 6 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 1 bush snath, 2 bush scythes, 2 axes, 1 trimming saw, 2 halters, 6 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 3 large hoes, 2 small hoes, 11 picks, 6 iron bars, 1 pinch bar, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 2 stone hammers, 1 currycomb and brush, 2 horse blankets, 2 stone drags, 2 yokes, 1 road scraper, 2 gravel screens, 1 mattock, 1 pail, 1 post rammer, 1 post spoon, 1 post hole digger, lot of sewer pipe, 2 nose bags, 1 trowel, 1 paving hammer, 1 grab hook, 3 pick handles, 5 lbs. dualin, 3870 lbs. hay.

BREAKING ROADS.

J. H. Decatur	\$ 5 40
S. W. Kimball	37 50
J. W. O'Brien	4 35
C. F. Shugrue	10 40
C. E. Whitcomb	8 19
C. H. Bicknell.....	2 03
E. H. Dane	5 40
C. H. Eastman	1 65
L. W. Seems	60
W. Petherick, Jr.	75
Harry Hartford	9 00
F. W. Davis	3 90
C. V. Badger	2 63
J. H. Connell	2 80
J. A. Healy	26 20
S. L. Taylor and others	35 40
W. W. Johnson	18 00
A. McDonald	11 30
John Good.....	3 00

Amount carried forward..... \$188 50

Amount brought forward.....	\$188 50
S. E. Hutchins.....	2 93
J. E. Knight	3 00
J. M. O'Brien	15 40
F. L. McCoy.....	8 78
Leroy Hartford	3 00
John Flynn	2 70
B. J. Flynn	3 45
H. E. Gould	30 77
J. H. O'Brien.....	7 65
O. A. Davis	2 40
W. T. Reed	1 05
E. H. Flagg.....	5 92
J. F. Shaw.....	2 25
D. J. McLeod.....	7 80
George Sherman	7 20
George Osgood.....	4 57
G. A. Kimball.....	8 20
I. G. Hall	5 25
B. F. Day.....	11 63
H. Kabele.....	1 20
H. B. Read and others.....	12 88
J. A. Henry.....	75
V. R. Sherburne	3 45
L. J. Eliason	9 00
D. Burke	5 25
George Burke	7 50
W. J. Harrup.....	3 75
Thomas Harrup.....	3 75
F. W. Banister	5 70
A. H. Burnham	13 05
John Wayne.....	3 75
W. C. Edwards	27 82
F. L. Downs.....	6 00
A. S. Vose	15 37
S. B. Wright	18 40
A. Bunce	2 64
M. F. Downs and others	70 69
Amount carried forward.....	<hr/> \$533 40

Amount brought forward.....	\$533 40	
M. Carr	5 85	
Edward Murphy.....	19 57	
W. F. Balch	4 55	
F. H. Hildreth.....	2 90	
S. H. Balch and others	9 05	
	<hr/>	\$575 32

STATE HIGHWAY.

On May 12, 1902, the Selectmen received notice from the Highway Commission that they had made an allotment of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the construction of a section of State Highway, beginning at the end of road at Minot's Corner, "recently improved under the so-called 'Small Town Act,' and extending to or towards the Littleton line." The Selectmen waived the right to contract with the Commission for the building of the road, and the work was contracted by the Commission and done under their supervision.

On February 4, 1903, the Commission voted to lay out as a State Highway the road from Minot's Corner to the centre of the town, which was improved last year under the so-called "Small Town Act." This will give the town about four miles of State Highway, which, connecting with the State Highway on the Great Road in Littleton, will make a State Highway from the centre of the town to Boston.

The Selectmen have also petitioned to the Highway Commission for a State Road from Minot's Corner to Chelmsford line.

ESTIMATES FOR 1903-1904.

In making these estimates for the amount of money asked for, to be raised or appropriated at the annual meeting, we have placed under the head of each department the amount that is asked for by that department.

SELECTMEN.

Highways	\$4000 00	
Town debts and charges	2000 00	
	<hr/>	\$6000 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Support of poor.....	\$2200 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools	\$6000 00
Tuition of High School scholars	1500 00
Text books and supplies for schools	600 00
	<hr/> \$8100 00

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Books	\$150 00
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COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Public burial grounds.....	\$200 00
	<hr/> \$16,650 00

Total number of orders, 433.

Total amount of orders, \$17,838.10.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

WESLEY O. HAWKES,

ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,

Selectmen of Westford.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following names will be reported at the annual meeting in March, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision by the town.

NAMES.	OCCUPATION.
William H. H. Burbeck,	Laborer.
Augustine W. Carkin,	Quarry Man.
Ernest H. Dane,	Painter.
Quincy W. Day	Farmer.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
John M. Fletcher,	Merchant.
John Feeney,	Harness Maker.
David L. Greig,	Farmer.
Edwin E. Heywood,	Farmer.
George H. Hartford,	Farmer.
Frank H. Hildreth,	Farmer.
George A. Kimball,	Farmer.
Joseph E. Knight,	Wheelwright.
Henry J. Murphy,	Farmer.
Elmer E. Nutting,	Machinist.
James O'Brien,	Blacksmith.
Charles E. Osgood,	Carpenter.
Judson Parsons,	Farmer.
Wilbert E. Parsons,	Provision Dealer.
Nathan Prescott,	Painter.
Amos B. Polley,	Farmer.
Ossian V. Robey,	Carpenter.
Almon S. Vose,	Farmer.
John Wilson,	Farmer.
J. Everett Woods,	Farmer.
Alfred Woodbury,	Farmer.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,

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ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,

Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 16, 1903.

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Report of Selectmen on Naming Streets and Roads

AS PER VOTE OF TOWN, MARCH 17, 1902.

NAMES OF STREETS AND ROADS.

In compliance with vote passed at the last annual meeting, the Selectmen make the following report for your acceptance or revision.

In making up the list of names we have endeavored to follow names that apply to localities or old residents as far as we could. There may be a few roads that we have omitted which can be added if the town so votes.

WESTFORD CENTRE AND VICINITY.

- From Chelmsford line near Chamberlin's Corner, by Fairview Cemetery, through center of town, to junction of roads near house of Ai Bicknell.....Main Street
- From Main Street, at Drew's Corner, to Westford Depot Depot Street
- From Main Street, at house of A. J. Abbot, to Bridge Street, GranitevilleGraniteville Road
- From Main Street to Minot's Corner, by Nashoba Hill, to Littleton line (State Road)Boston Road
- From Boston Road, at Old Academy building, by Chas. L. Hildreth's house, to Concord Road, at A. C. Whittier's houseHildreth Street
- From Main Street, south side of Common, to Hildreth Street Lincoln Street

- From Junction of Main Street and Flagg Road, at house of
Ai Bicknell, by Oren Cooledge place, to Town Farm Road,
at house of Nelson L. Prescott..... Forge Village Road
- From junction of Main Street and Forge Village Road, at
house of Ai Bicknell, by house of S. G. Humiston and
J. A. Parson, to Hildreth Street..... Flagg Road
- From Main Street, near house of Fletcher Peckens, by house
of Hugh Mills, to Main Street, near house of Oscar R.
Spalding..... Leland Street

GRANITEVILLE AND VICINITY.

- From Greig's Corner, by H. D. Wright's house, to Groton
Road..... North Street
- From Greig's Corner, by Depot and Catholic Church, to
Reed's Brook..... Main Street
- From C. G. Sargent's Sons' Machine Shop, over railroad
bridge near house of John Caunter, to Bridge Street,
Broadway Street
- From Greig's Corner to Broadway Street, at railroad
bridge..... River Street
- From Broadway Street to River Street..... First Street
- From Broadway Street to railroad landing..... Second Street
- From Broadway Street, by Music Hall..... Third Street
- From Broadway Street to River Street..... Fourth Street
- From Third Street to Fourth Street..... White Street
- From Broadway Street, by School House..... Cross Street
- From Broadway Street, by Methodist Church..... Pond Street
- From River Street to land of Jephtha Wright..... Maple Street
- From Greig's Corner to house of Mrs. J. Allard... Beacon Street
- From Main Street, near Depot, under railroad, to Broad-
way Street..... Bridge Street
- From Bridge Street to Pine Ridge Depot.. Pine Ridge Road
- From Main Street Depot towards stone quarries.. Granite Street

From Main Street, near West Graniteville Depot, to Groton line.....West Street

From West Street, over Cowdrey Hill, to Groton Road, at house of E. J. Woods.....Cowdrey Hill Road

FORGE VILLAGE AND VICINITY.

From Depot to Reed's Brook, Main Street, Graniteville.
Union Street

From Depot to Groton line.....Central Street

From Depot, by house of H. A. Gurney, to junction of Concord and Beaver Brook Roads.....Pleasant Street

From Pleasant Street, by Club House.....Bradford Street

From Pleasant Street to Forge Pond.....Pond Street

From Pleasant Street to Forge Village Road, at junction of roads at Nelson L. Prescott's house.....Pine Street

From junction of roads at Nelson L. Prescott's house, by Town Farm, to Union Street.....Town Farm Road

From Pleasant Street, Forge Village, over Beaver Brook, to Littleton line.....Beaver Brook Road

SUBURBAN DISTRICTS.

From junction Pleasant Street, Forge Village, and Beaver Brook Road, by West Cemetery, to Littleton Road, near house of Angus McDonald, and from corner of roads near Amos Leighton's house to Carlisle Road, at Parkerville School-house.....Concord Road

From Boston Road, near house of Amos Leighton, to Littleton line.....Littleton Road

From Forge Village Road, west of Pine Ridge Depot, to Concord Road, at West Cemetery.....Cemetery Road

From Concord Road, by house of William Vose, to Cowdrey Corner.....Old Lowell Road

From Minot's Corner, by Parkerville School-house, to Carlisle line, near Carlisle Station.....Carlisle Road

- From Carlisle Road, by Old Gates Place, to Acton line,
Texas Road
- From Acton line, by house of Warren Sweetser, to Chelmsford line Acton Road
- From Acton Road, by L. Sweetser place, across Old Lowell Road, to South Chelmsford Road, at house of A. J. Blaisdell Vose Road
- From Carlisle Road, by house of C. M. Griffin, to Vose Road,
Griffin Road
- From Flagg Road, by house of C. L. Howard, to Littleton Road Howard Road
- From Flagg Road, by house S. E. Hutchins, to Concord Road Robinson Road
- From Forge Village Road, by Old Patten place, to Pleasant Street, Forge Village Patten Road
- From Patten Road to Robinson Road Hartford Road
- From Chelmsford Road, near house of A. E. Jenne, by house of A. J. Blaisdell, to South Chelmsford line,
South Chelmsford Road
- From Chelmsford Road, at A. H. Burnham's house, by house of A. Bunce, across Main Street, to Lowell Road, near house of F. W. Banister Providence Road
- From Providence Road to Depot Street Cummings Road
- From Main Street, at house of D. H. Waller, by house of John M. O'Brien, to South Chelmsford line Tadmuck Road
- From Depot Street, by M. Steele's house and Samuel L. Taylor's house, to Chelmsford line Lowell Road
- From Main Street, at Read Farm Corner, by Stony Brook School-house, across Lowell Road, over Stony Brook and under railroad, by house of James H. O'Brien, to Plain Road Stony Brook Road

From Chelmsford line, by Brick Tavern, to Groton line, ✓
Groton Road

From H. E. Fletcher & Co.'s Stone Quarry, across Groton
Road, to Edwards' Corner.....Oak Hill Road

From West Chelmsford line to Nabnasset Pond,
Nabnasset Street

From Curran's Corner, by Brookside Station, to Hamblet's
Corner, at junction of Lowell Road.....Brookside Road

From Hamblet's Corner, over Francis Hill, by Chamberlin's
Corner, to South Chelmsford line.....Chamberlin Road

From Edwards' Corner to Westford DepotPlain Road

From Oak Hill Road, by Wheeler place, across Groton Road,
to Tyngsboro line *Rd.* Forrest Road

From Groton Road, near Forrest Road, to Tyngsboro Road,
near house of Edward Murphy.....Flushing Pond Road

From Westford Depot, by North Cemetery, to junction of
Dunstable and Tyngsboro Roads.....Depot Road

From junction of Depot Road, Dunstable and Tyngsboro
Roads, by Flushing Pond, to Tyngsboro line,
Tyngsboro Road

From junction of Depot Road, Dunstable and Tyngsboro
Roads, by Brick Tavern, to Tyngsboro line,
Dunstable Road

From Depot Street, at J. V. Fletcher farm, by house of
Quincy W. Day, to Pine Ridge Road, near Pine Ridge
Station Coldspring Road

From Plain Road, by North Cemetery and house of B. F.
Nutting, to Groton Road.....Nutting Road

From Groton Road, by Keyes Pond, by house of H. O.
Keyes, to Tyngsboro lineKeyes Road

From Keyes Road, at Simpson place, by house of Dennis
Burke, across Dunstable Road, to Tyngsboro line,
Tenney Road

From Tenney Road to house of Frank H. Hildreth,
 Long-Sought-For Pond Road

From junction of roads at H. O. Keyes' house, by house of
 Edwin Gould, to Groton Road.....Gould Road

From Groton Road, at E. J. Woods' house, to house of J.
 O. Blodgett, at Groton line.....Millstone Hill Road

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
 WESLEY O. HAWKES,
 ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
 Selectmen of Westford.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

The Selectmen, acting under the law as the Board of Health, appointed Wesley O. Hawkes and W. H. H. Burbeck as agents, and Dr. W. J. Sleeper as special agent on smallpox cases.

Albert P. Richardson and John A. Healy licensed as undertakers.

The general health of the town, outside of the smallpox cases at Forge Village, was good, excepting a number of cases of typhoid fever. Fortunately none proved fatal; but it is the duty of every householder, for their own protection, to carefully examine their drainage and surroundings, to see if everything is kept in a clean and healthy condition. This disease is very likely to originate from bad drainage, especially from outbuildings, wells and sink drains.

The following table is for the calendar year 1902, to conform with calendar year of the State Board of Health, consequently the number of cases of smallpox will not appear in this table, but will appear in the report of the calendar year 1903, as they occurred after January 1, 1903; but the report on these case will be found after the general expense account.

CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1902.

	Number.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	3	
Measles	5	1
Typhoid fever	7	
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	15	1

GENERAL EXPENSES.

State Board of Health, culture tubes . . .	\$ 2 00	
S. H. Fletcher, services and expenses. . .	25 00	
W. O. Hawkes, services and expenses . . .	25 00	
A. P. Richardson, services and expenses..	25 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, services as agent. . . .	15 00	
Wood alcohol and chloride of lime.	9 90	
One dozen fumigators	2 50	
Two disinfecting apparatus.	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$121.40

REPORT OF SMALLPOX CASES.

On January 2, two cases of smallpox were discovered in the families of P. Ricard and J. Benoit in the "Hop House block," so called, in Forge Village. Later there were three other cases in the families of P. Ricard and J. Ricard, all related.

The origin of these cases was Canada. The cases were promptly reported to the Board of Health here, also the State Board of Health at Boston. Dr F. L. Morse of the State Board promptly visited the cases, in connection with Dr. W. J. Sleeper, concurring fully in the diagnosis, as also Dr. C. P. Feeley, who was connected with the cases.

The cases were unfortunately situated for quarantine, being in a block with two doors, and each admitting to one sick and one well family. No suitable house for a hospital was found in the town limits. Application was made to an adjoining town to take possession or hire a vacant farm house just over the town line, situated nearly a mile from the public highway, which would have been an ideal place, as no one would have been exposed there. This was refused by the Board of Health of that town, much to our regret and seemingly uncalled for on their part. Under these conditions, as soon as possible the well families were moved into one end of the block, and the sick ones at the other end. The Abbot Worsted Co. heartily co-operated in all measures. Their operatives were immediately vaccinated, both in Forge Village and in Graniteville, at the expense of the company, and the operatives at the Brookside Mill at the expense of the proprietor, Mr. George C. Moore, for those residing out of town. The

people of Forge Village and Graniteville were quite generally vaccinated, and others in town who might apply, at public expense—a general vaccinating notice having been issued as required by law.

The care and direction of all matters were placed in the hands of Dr. W. J. Sleeper, under the supervision of the Board of Health, and energetic measures to stop the spread of the disease, and stamp it out as soon as possible, were taken.

Thirty-nine people were quarantined in Forge Village and eleven at Graniteville for two weeks. At the end of that time all but seven were released. Of these, two were released on February 1 and remaining five on February 11.

All quarantined persons had to be maintained at public expense. A part of the expense for those sick is expected to be repaid the town by the State, relieving the town a considerable part of the expense.

The surroundings made it necessary to employ a constant guard, day and night, for the whole time, and the number employed was gradually lessened as the circumstances would permit.

Disinfection was very thorough and the buildings thoroughly painted, papered and whitewashed before being turned over to the Abbot Worsted Co.

The expense, seemingly large, is really not so, considering the circumstances of the large number quarantined, guarding, medical attendance and disinfecting and destroying property.

We were very fortunate to escape so well from what promised to be a severe epidemic.

All schools were closed for two weeks, and places of worship and gatherings also.

The School Committee's attention was called to the requirements of the law in regard to pupils attending school not vaccinated.

The following expense has occurred:—

Dr. W. J. Sleeper, 42 visits to P. Ricard, Mrs. Jos. Benoit, Oliver Ricard, Odonia Ricard and Mrs. P. Ricard (smallpox patients)	\$630 00	
Examining 153 persons before quaran- tine, at 50 cents each	76 50	
Two examinations (10 persons) Eli family after quarantine, 50 cents each examination	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$716 50

EXPENSE OF P. RICARD FAMILY.

W. E. Parsons, stove, etc	\$ 6 50	
G. E. Mountain, groceries, P. Ricard ...	23 92	
Merrimack Clothing Co., clothing	11 98	
Cash paid for infected property destroyed.	15 90	
G. O. Jackson, milk	2 05	
Drugs and medicines furnished	39 87	
G. E. Mountain, groceries furnished Odonia Ricard	7 40	
Wright & Fletcher, 1 pr. shoes, Odonia Ricard	1 50	
Wright & Fletcher, 1 pr. shoes, Oliver Ricard	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$110 37

EDWARD BRULIER AND FAMILY.

G. E. Mountain, groceries	\$22 12	
Cash paid for 1½ cords cut wood	12 00	
Mrs. Edw. Brulier, services cleaning	2 67	
	<hr/>	\$36 79

OLIVER BYRON AND FAMILY.

Oliver Byron, guard, labor and inter- preter	\$15 00	
G. E. Mountain, groceries	18 80	
Cash paid for infected property destroyed,	14 00	
	<hr/>	\$47 80

J. RICARD AND FAMILY.

G. E. Mountain, groceries.....	\$29 64	
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, 4 examinations (10 persons) at 50 cents each examina- tion, after quarantine.....	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$49 64

F. CANTON AND FAMILY.

G. E. Mountain, groceries.....	\$10 89	
Drugs and medicines	4 73	
	<hr/>	\$15 62

JOSEPH BENOIT AND FAMILY.

G. E. Mountain, groceries,.....	\$26 47	
Cash paid for infected property destroyed,	16 10	
G. O. Jackson, milk	2 05	
Drugs and medicine.....	27 13	
	<hr/>	\$71 75

F. LAFRANCE AND FAMILY.

G. E. Mountain, groceries.....	\$23 88
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D. TOUSIGNAULT AND FAMILY.

J. A. Healy, wood and supplies	\$20 00	
G. E. Mountain, groceries.....	21 86	
H. J. Healy, groceries	8 92	
J. W. Blodgett, supplies	3 85	
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, examining 11 persons at close of quarantine, 50 cents each..	5 50	
	<hr/>	\$60 13

GUARD HOUSE AND GUARD.

Thos. N. Provost, building for guard house	\$15 00	
Stove for guard house	2 00	
J. A. Healy, moving building	1 50	
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Amount carried forward.....	\$18 50	

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 18 50
J. A. Healy, wood and coal for guard house.....	14 47
A. L. Field, stove pipe for guard house ...	1 60
David Lord, services as guard.....	165 37
Stephen Healy, services as guard.....	167 03
Joseph McDonald, services as guard.....	4 50
A. L. Prior, services as guard	12 00
J. Perkins, services as guard	4 50
John Flynn, services as guard	63 37
A. H. Comey, services as guard.....	57 75
J. A. Healy, services as guard and use of team	120 00
D. E. Splain, supplies for guard house ...	6 61

 \$635 70

VACCINATION.

S. L. Joslin, M. D., vaccinating 301 persons, at 35 cents each	\$105 35
301 vaccine points, at 7½ cents each....	22 58
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., vaccinating 288 persons, at 35 cents each.....	100 80
288 vaccine points, at 6 cents each	17 28
J. R. Draper, M. D., vaccinating 104 persons, at 35 cents each	36 40
104 vaccine points, at 6 cents each	6 24
J. R. Draper, M. D., inspecting premises in Graniteville in regard to vaccination.	3 00
J. A. Healy, rent of hall for vaccination ..	3 00

 \$294 65

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Chas. P. Feeley, M. D., services as specialist on smallpox.....	\$126 60
Mrs. G. H. Prescott, board of physician..	5 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., time and expense as agent of Board of Health in looking after provisions and supplies for infected and quarantined persons....	50 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$181 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$181 00	
Time and expense as agent of Board of Health in looking after the cleaning up of infected premises and providing for payment of property destroyed ..	50 00	
Help employed and expense of disinfect- ing infected premises and destroying infected property.....	85 12	
J. A. Healy, lumber for covered way, wood, etc., for pest house	44 82	
R. D. Prescott, lumber and labor for guard fence	4 78	
Miss M. O'Hara, services	7 00	
L. Tancerell, labor on covered way	2 10	
L. Le Claire, labor on covered way	2 10	
	<hr/>	\$377 52
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		\$2440 35

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
Board of Health.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

RECEIPTS AT TOWN FARM.

Received for Milk.....	\$825 28
Cows.....	154 00
Thomas Carney, board.....	108 00
John P. Green, board	108 00
Wood	95 50
Hay	40 02
Potatoes	19 80
Cranberries.....	20 50
Calves	25 25
Rent.....	48 00
Apples.....	8 50
Use of bull	5 50
Hoop poles	9 13
Horse	5 00
Labor	5 25
Vinegar	5 00
Stoves	8 00
Sundries	7 15
Overseers, wood furnished	
Mrs. J. Leland	10 65
Overseers, wood furnished	
Mrs. G. H. Whitney ..	5 25
Breaking roads	9 05
Eggs	8 29
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Income at Farm	\$1,531 12

PAYMENTS AT TOWN FARM.

S. H. Balch, salary from Jan. 1, 1902, to Jan. 1, 1903	\$450 00
Mrs. S. H. Balch, salary as matron from April, 1902, to Jan., 1903.....	75 00
Paid for Groceries.....	397 01
Grain	351 55
Labor	423 48
Cows	240 00
Meat	130 49
Fire escape	
Lumber	\$123 91
Tinning roof.....	45 64
Paint	14 25
Stone posts.....	4 00
Hardware and iron.	8 14
Freight.....	2 38
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	198 32
Horse	150 00
Butter	89 82
Coal	58 56
Fish	27 23
Ice, 1901-1902.....	20 00
Dry Goods	21 16
Clothing for Inmates.. ..	25 98
Medical Supplies	13 25
Lime, cement and lumber for Wilkinson house	20 70
Funeral expense of Catherine O'Tool	20 00
Paint	17 00
Grass seed.....	12 65
Seed potatoes and corn.....	18 70
Tobacco.....	20 97
Phosphate	20 20
Blacksmith work	13 68
Wheelwright work	7 50
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Amount carried forward.....	\$2,823 25

Amount brought forward.....	\$2,823 25
Standing Grass	12 00
Pullets.....	12 00
Pigs	13 00
Manure	40 00
Hardware	10 01
Belt	9 48
J. R. Draper, M. D.	8 40
Expenses to Tewksbury.....	3 08
Expenses to Worcester, G. H.	
Whitney	7 35
One pair horse collars	9 00
J. N. Murry, V. S.....	6 00
Car fares.....	8 28
Breaking roads	1 50
Sawing lumber.....	3 68
Repairing shoes.....	1 65
Cider barrels	2 20
Wall paper	6 09
Step ladder.....	1 25
Filing saws	2 60
Freight	1 17
Express	85
Telephone	90
Box rent.....	40
	<hr/> \$2,984 14

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Hospital bills of Reed, Whitcomb, Quinn, Lord, Drew.....	\$657 26
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid rendered Amadis Ritchie	\$12 00
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid rendered Amadis Ritchie.....	3 00
B. H. Hartwell, M. D., aid rendered Ama- dis Ritchie	5 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$ 20 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$20 00	
Elizabeth Roche, aid as nurse rendered Amadis Ritchie	12 76	
Hugh Daley, board of Elizabeth Roche..	1 30	
D. E. Splain, on account of Amadis Rit- chie	2 12	
L. W. Wheeler, on account of Amadis Ritchie	2 48	
	<hr/>	\$38 66
S. L. Joslin, M. D., aid rendered Chas. Baker		32 50
S. L. Joslin, M. D., aid rendered Eldridge Reed		22 25
S. L. Joslin, M. D., aid rendered Ann McCarty		7 25
S. L. Joslin, M. D., aid rendered Mrs. Louisa Leland		32 20
Hartwell & Hosmer, aid rendered Mrs. Louisa Leland		12 40
J. A. Healey, aid rendered Mrs. Louisa Leland.....		10 50
Town Farm, aid rendered Mrs. Louisa Le- land		10 65
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid rendered Frank Shaw		35 45
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid rendered Jane Dugdale		70 50
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid rendered Fay McIntire		4 00
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid rendered Ann McCarty		3 75
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid rendered George Whitney		14 50
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid rendered Mrs. Julia Shaw		1 00
City of Lowell, aid rendered Margaret Casey.....		28 00
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Amount carried forward.....		\$231 61

Amount brought forward.....		\$231 61
City of Waltham, aid rendered Elmer Stiles		344 80
Hobbs & Warren Co., for blanks.....		1 17
George Mountain, aid rendered Mrs. G. Toussaint		30 75
Town Farm, wood for Mrs. George Whitney		5 25
Wright & Bemis, aid rendered Mrs. Louisa Leland.....		52 00
L. W. Wheeler, salary as Overseer of the Poor	\$10 00	
L. W. Wheeler, extra time and expense..	10 00	
L. W. Wheeler, making report to Town..	5 00	
L. W. Wheeler, making report to State..	5 00	
		<hr/> 30 00
C. R. DeCatur, salary as Overseer of the Poor	\$10 00	
C. R. DeCatur, extra time.....	5 00	
		<hr/> 15 00
A. R. Choate, salary as Overseer of the Poor		10 00
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		\$1,469 84

REIMBURSEMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Thomas V. Quinn, on account board of wife		\$162 50
Town of North Reading, aid rendered Fay McIntyre		4 00
City of Lowell, aid rendered Jane Dugdale		70 50
Apples on Wilkinson place.....		4 00
State, aid rendered Amadis Ritchie.....		34 85
State, aid rendered Charles Baker.....		32 50
State, aid rendered Amade Houle.....		37 76
State, aid rendered Elbridge Reed.....		22 25
State, burial of Peter Houle.....		10 00
State, aid rendered Michael Roach.....		7 80
State, aid rendered Franklin Metcalf....		4 00
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		\$390 16

Payments on account of outdoor poor..	\$1,469 84	
Reimbursements	390 16	
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Net expense of outdoor poor.....		\$1,079 68

STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer....	\$2,936 84	
Cash in hands of Master of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1902.....	2 05	
Cash income of Farm.....	1,531 12	
	<hr/>	\$4,470 01
Expense of outdoor poor.....	\$1,469 84	
Payments at Farm	2,984 14	
Cash in hands of Master of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1903	16 03	
	<hr/>	\$4,470 01
Cash received from Town Treasurer....	\$2936 84	
Reimbursements in hands of Town Treas- urer	390 16	
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Net draft from Town Treasurer.....		\$2,546 68
Cash in hands of Master of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1902 \$	2 05	
Cash drawn from Town Treas- urer for Farm.....	1,467 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,469 05
Cash in hands of Master of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1903.....	16 03	
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Net expense at Farm.....		\$1,453 02
Net expense of outdoor poor.....		1,079 68
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Total expense of Poor.....		\$2,532 70

PERSONS SUPPORTED AT TOWN FARM.

	Age.	Admitted.	Discharged.
John P. Green	74.		
Thomas Carney About	92.	Jan. 31, 1877.	
Catherine O'Tool .. About	102.	Dec. 14, 1893.	Apr. 17, 1902
Margaret O'Brine ... About	68.	Dec. 14, 1893.	
Edward Holt	87.	Jan. 8, 1894	Apr. 28, 1902
Joseph D. Wilkinson	84.	Feb. 20, 1899.	Feb. 5, 1903
True A. Bean	80.	Apr. 26, 1901.	
Caroline A. Perham.....	79.	Jan. 23, 1894.	
Varnum T. Fletcher	60.	Mar. 28, 1901.	
Mary E. Cowdrey	44.	Feb. 24, 1900.	
Elizabeth Lord	36.	Jan. 29, 1902.	
Ellen McCarty	About 70.	Oct. 16, 1902.	

Whole number 12; average 9 1-2.

Number of tramps lodged and fed, 380.

L. W. WHEELER,

A. R. CHOATE,

C. R. DECATUR,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,

FEBRUARY 1, 1903.

Groceries.....	\$13 54
Vegetables	84 00
Fruit	39 00
130 lbs. Salt pork	15 60
10 Bush. beans	22 50
Vinegar, stock and bbls	32 80

\$207 44

Balance personal property at house..... 625 50

\$832 94

12 cows and 1 bull	\$253 00	
2 horses	300 00	
27 hens	23 50	
3 shoats	18 00	
23 1-2 tons English and stock hay	344 00	
10 tons ensilage	50 00	
10 cords stable manure bought	40 00	
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	\$1,018 50	<hr/>
		\$1,018 50
1 two horse dump cart	\$50 00	
1 two horse sled	25 00	
2 hay and farm wagons	75 00	
1 Democrat wagon	50 00	
Wheel and spring tooth harrow	19 00	
Horse rake and tedder	27 00	
Double and single sleigh	23 00	
1 horse power	74 00	
1 ensilage cutter	8 00	
1 hay fork and gear	28 00	
1 double and single harness	50 00	
15 cords wood	75 00	
4 tons coal	36 00	
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Balance in barn and out buildings	659 15	<hr/>
		\$1,209 15
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		\$3,060 59

HENRY J. MURPHY,
WILLIAM L. WOODS,
HORACE E. GOULD,
Appraisers.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:—

To cash on hand	\$3,163 54
To cash borrowed	10,000 00
From State corporation tax	7,181 96
State bank tax	507 66
Soldier's families	966 00
Indigent soldiers	30 00
Income Mass. school fund	426 34
Armory rent.....	175 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses	334 08
A. Bicknell, janitor Town Hall	75 00
W. C. Wright, collector tax 1897	28 34
W. C. Wright, collector tax 1898	154 39
W. C. Wright, interest on tax 1897	7 77
W. C. Wright, interest on tax 1898	31 52
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1899.....	78 05
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1900	749 66
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1901	607 53
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1902 before Oct. 1..	15,710 65
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1902 before Dec. 1..	971 74
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1902 after Dec. 1..	1,819 26
A. L. Prior, interest on tax 1899.....	15 20
A. L. Prior, interest on tax 1900	70 60
A. L. Prior, interest on tax 1901	23 88
A. L. Prior, interest on tax 1902	3 30
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	165 74
Thos.V. Quinn, board of wife	172 25
(\$9.75 was received after close of Overseers Poor Books.)	
Amount carried forward.....	\$43,469 46

Amount brought forward	\$43,469 46
Town of North Reading on account of paupers	4 00
Holyoke Insurance Co., div.	17 00
Income Library Funds	87 00
B. F. Nutting, auctioneer's license	2 00
City of Lowell on account of paupers	70 50
State Treasurer on account of paupers	149 16
State board of Charity education children ...	10 50
B. & M. R. R. Co., on account fines	175 23
Joe Wall, auctioneer's license	2 00
Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2 00
Apples sold on Wilkinson place	4 00
State Treasurer on account inspection of animals	32 50
From State Treasurer, on account Supt. of Schools	625 00
County Treasurer, dog fines	15 00
M. F. Hutchins, fertilizer	1 75
W. H. H. Burbeck, sealer weights and measures	20 09
A. Bicknell, old lumber	5 00
Westford Aca., on account music teacher ...	25 00
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	\$44,717 19

PAYMENTS.

By notes and interest	\$12,072 88
State tax	765 00
County tax	1,602 71
Orders, incidental expenses	17,838 10
On account schools	6,737 39
On tuition Academy	1,500 00
On account Library	424 31
Cash on hand	3,776 80
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	\$44,717 19

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,

Treasurer of Westford.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Board of Selectmen, Westford, Mass.

DEAR SIRs:—I have examined the town's accounts for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1903, and beg to report that I found the several cash books to have been correctly footed and disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. I submit herewith statements of accounts examined.

TAXES.

Uncollected to the debit of A. L. Prior for the years 1899, 1900 and 1901.

Year.	Balance to Collect March 1, 1920.	Past due interest on Taxes paid since March 1, 1902.	Totals.	Payments to credit of same since March 1, 1902, including abatements.	Balance to Collect March 1, 1903.
1899	\$103 90	\$15 20	\$119 10	\$113 73	\$5 37
1900	877 70	70 60	948 30	895 24	53 06
1901	1,534 41	23 97	1,558 38	747 04	811 34

TO DEBIT OF A. L. PRIOR FOR YEAR 1902.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessors' Warrant as follows:

Real Estate	\$15,224 68
Personal property	4,271 15
Polls 697 at \$2.00	1,394 00
	\$20,889 83

Additions since, as per Assessors'
notices..... 63 13

Past due interest on taxes collected
after January 1, 1903 3 30

————— \$20,956 26

LESS CREDITS AS FOLLOWS:

By net collections to Oct. 1,		
1902.....	\$15,710 65	
5 % discount on assessed		
value of same, \$16,-		
537 52.....	826 87	
	<hr/>	\$16,537 52
Net collections for Oct.		
and Nov., 1902.....	\$971 74	
3 % discount on assessed		
value of same, \$1,-		
001 79.....	30 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,001 79
Net collections from Dec.		
1, 1902 to Feb. 16,		
1903.....	\$1,819 26	
Past due interest on taxes		
paid after Jan. 1, '03	3 30	
Abatements for year as		
per Assessor's notices	65 24	
	<hr/>	\$1,887 80
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		\$19,427 11
Balance to collect to debit		
of collector Feb. 16,		
1903.....	1,529 15	
	<hr/>	\$20,956 26

TOWN CLERK.

The town clerk issued during the year li-		
censes for		
156 male dogs at \$2.00.....	\$312 00	
14 female dogs at \$5.00	70 00	
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Less clerk's fees ,170 licenses at 20c. each		34 00
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and		
receipted for by him.....		\$348 00

SELECTMEN.

433 orders were drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasurer during the year, amounting altogether to \$17,838.10, for each and all of which proper vouchers are on file.

MASTER OF ALMSHOUSE.

To balance cash on hand from year 1901	\$	2	05	
Receipts from all sources during the				
year		2,998.	12	
				\$3,000 17
By expenditures for the year to Feb. 1,				
1903.....	\$2,984	14		
Cash on hand		16	03	
				\$3,000 17

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

L. W. Wheeler, - - - Chairman.

To amount received from Town Treasurer for the year to Feb. 1, 1903	\$2,936 84
By disbursements for year to Feb. 1, 1903	2,936 84

LIBRARY.

N. H. Wright, Treasurer.

To balance cash on hand March 1, 1902..	\$206 11	
Receipts from various sources during		
year	477 63	
		\$683 74
By expenditures for the year to Feb. 28,		
1903.....	\$424 31	
Cash on hand March 1, 1903.....	259 43	
		\$683 74

TREASURER.

To Cash on hand Feb. 28, 1902.....	\$3,163 54	
Receipts from all sources during year	41,553 65	
		\$44,717 19

By total payments for the year ending	
Feb. 28, 1903	\$40,940 39
Balance cash on hand Feb. 28, 1903..	3,776 80
	<u>\$44,717 19</u>

H. F. LEITH,

Auditor.

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Library loan of	
\$5,000	\$2,000 00
5 months' interest on same at 4%	33 33
Due State Treasurer on Loan for general	
expenses of town.....	10,000 00
5 months' interest on same at 3 1-5 % ..	133 33
	<u>\$12,166 66</u>

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes for year 1899	\$ 5 37
Uncollected taxes for year 1900	53 06
Uncollected taxes for year 1901	811 34
Uncollected taxes for year 1902	1,529 15
Due from State Aid (Soldiers' families) ..	654 00
Due from Military Aid (Indigent Soldiers)	7 50
Due from State for burial of deceased sol-	
diers' widows	35 00
Balance cash in hand of Master of Alms-	
house	16 03
Balance cash in hand of Treasurer.....	3,776 80
	<u>\$6,888 25</u>
Deficit on March 1, 1903.....	5,278 41
	<u>\$12,166 66</u>
Deficit on March 1, 1902	\$6,828 01

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit the following report:—

The past year has been marked by many generous gifts to the Library from Mr. E. M. Raymond and others, a list of which is appended, and by the printing of the Catalogue authorized by the town at the last annual town meeting.

At a special town meeting held Aug. 14, 1902, the following resolution was passed:—

Whereas, Mr. E. M. Raymond of Charlestown, Mass., a great grandson of Ebenezer Prescott, one of the founders of the Westford Social Library, has given to the J. V. Fletcher Library two large paintings of Biblical subjects, a marble statue of Pocahontas, a piece of Japanese hammered work in iron, silver and gold, and several other works of art:

Whereas, these decorations are a great and permanent addition to the value and uplifting influence of our Library,

Therefore, resolved, that we, legal voters of Westford in town meeting assembled, in behalf of ourselves and our posterity do hereby express our thanks to Mr. E. M. Raymond for his munificence and our grateful appreciation of his generous gifts.

Since the foregoing resolution was passed, Mr. Raymond has given to the Library four large oil paintings, Daughter of Herodias, Copied from Guido Reni by Chatelain; Lord Byron, by W. A. Hobday, London, 1820; Diana and Cupid; Aurora, copied from Guido Reni; and Rough Water, N. E. Part of George's Banks, by C. E. Davis, also, Hide and Seek, Rogers Statuary; Three Plaques; one volume, quarto, Tributes of the Nations to Abraham Lincoln, 1867; Sacred Indian writings from Palmyra; and Library of Historic Characters and Famous Events, in ten volumes octavo, illustrated.

These gifts are of great value. They not only add very much to the attractiveness and resources of our Library, but they also increase our debt of gratitude, already a large one, to Mr. Raymond. His generosity justly entitles him to lasting honor and remembrance in our town.

Among other gifts is an engraving representing "Authors of America", presented by Mr. Charles L. Hildreth, a work the value of which will increase as time passes. The possession of so many valuable works of art in our Library should be a source of pride and gratification to all.

Soon after the last annual town meeting copy for the new catalogue was sent to the Lowell Mail, this firm having been awarded the contract for the printing because it was the lowest bidder and because it had in the past done acceptable work for the town. Not long afterward we were greatly disturbed to learn that the Mail Co., had employed another printing firm to do our work, but we were assured that this would in no way hinder the prompt and satisfactory printing of our catalogue according to the terms of the contract. It proved otherwise. The company to which the Mail had sublet the job apparently had an abundance of work which was considered to be of greater importance than our catalogue. The printing for our Library was regarded as merely a side issue, to be taken up when convenient. Frequent interviews with the Mail Co. and continued appeals by letter to hasten the work, were unavailing; and it was not until the middle of November that the first section of the catalogue was ready for distribution. At this time the Mail Co. was persuaded to relinquish the contract and the Courier-Citizen Co. was employed to complete the work; and it has been done in a manner entirely satisfactory to the Trustees.

We trust the foregoing statement will sufficiently explain the long delay in printing the catalogue, and that the people of the town will place the blame for it where it properly belongs. The inconvenience they have suffered from having no guide to the books in the Library the greater part of the year, has resulted from no lack of care or effort on the part of the Trustees, but from circumstances which they could not foresee and which they were powerless to control.

We believe the card catalogue and the printed sections to be a complete guide to all the books in our Library; and we are confident that the system adopted will be found very convenient and helpful.

It is easy to see that the printed catalogue, aggregating 244 pages, represents a great amount of painstaking labor; but the classification of the books with the recording of all the authors and titles on the card catalogue in the Library, was by far the more laborious part of the work. It exhibits, altogether, the result of two years of diligent, highly intelligent, and very moderately paid labor on the part of Miss Mary P. Bunce, the Librarian; and the Trustees desire to express in this report their sincere appreciation of her faithful and excellent service.

Owing to the scarcity and high price of fuel, it was decided to close the Library evenings and Sundays during the months of January and February. A fair supply of coal was fortunately bought at the usual price and put in before the strike began. It did not seem advisable to keep the Library open, during these cold months, longer than was necessary for procuring and returning books. The risk of having to buy more coal at a very high price was thus avoided.

It has been customary to buy a large number of books in February, after the money for dog licenses has been returned and the balance in the treasury ascertained. It seemed better this year to defer the midwinter purchase of books until the catalogue was paid for. The number of pages of some of the sections greatly exceeded our estimate, and the amount of dog license money used in paying the bill for printing was therefore unexpectedly large.¹ Most of the balance on hand, as shown in the financial statement, will be expended for books without delay.

We recommend that the sum of \$150 be raised and appropriated, in addition to the sum received for dog licenses in 1904, for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year.

WILLIAM E. FROST, Chairman,
CATHARINE A. KEBLER, Secretary.
JOSEPH R. DRAPER,
Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$206 11
Appropriation	150 00
City Institution Savings Bank, dividends	40 00
Bigelow Carpet Co., dividends	35 00
National Bank of Redemption, dividends	12 00
Dog fines	15 00
Dog licenses, balance	225 63
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	\$683 74

EXPENDITURES.

Willard Small, books	\$257 91
D. Farquhar, binding	61 50
Library Art Club	5 00
Kenyon News and Postal Subscription Co	44 50
Dodd, Mead & Co., 6 vols. cyclopedia	28 80
A. J. Abbot, books	8 10
Essex Publishing Co., books	5 00
E. S. Stackpole, books	5 00
Balch Bros. & Co., and others, subscription books ..	8 50
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	\$424 31
Balance	259 43

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of books purchased	198
Number of books presented	113
Public documents received from the State	25
Public documents received from the United States ..	18

Magazines bound.....	73
Whole number added during the year.....	427
Whole number of books in the Library.....	11, 887
Number of books lost	3
Number of books discarded.....	11
Number of books loaned	8,451
Number of pamphlets added.....	101
Cash on hand from last year.....	\$2 65
Fines	6 11
From non-resident borrower.....	1 00
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	\$9 76
Paid for supplies	9 72
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Balance	04

GIFTS IN 1902.

E. M. Raymond, Charlestown.

Japanese panel, 300 yrs old, teakwood frame, hammered work in iron, silver and gold.

Marble statue of Pocahontas by J. Mozier, Rome, 1866.

Oil painting, Daughter of Herodias, copy from Guido Reni by Chatelain.

Oil painting, Lord Byron, by W. A. Hobday, London, 1820.

Oil painting, Diana and Cupid.

Oil painting, Aurora, copy from Guido Reni.

Oil painting, Rough Water, N. E. Part of Georges Banks.

C. E. Davis.

Two glass plaques.

"Hide and Seek" Rogers' Statuary

Japanese plaque.

Sacred Indian Palmyra writings.

One quarto volume, "Tributes of the Nations to Abraham Lincoln, 1867.

Ten volumes Library of Historic Characters and Famous Events. Illustrated.

C. H. Prescott, Harvard, by will, hall-clock, one hundred and fifty years old.

C. L. Hildreth, Esq., engraving, Hicks' Authors of the United States.

Miss Caroline A. Leighton, Cambridge, tulip-tree.

W. H. H. Burbeck, aster plants.

Hon. John D. Long, two volumes, Report of Schley Inquiry.

Estate of Mrs. Emily A. Fletcher, sixty-seven volumes.

S. H. and W. F. Balch, seven volumes, one pamphlet.

Mrs. H. M. Wilkinson, one volume.

A. J. Abbot, ten volumes.

Prof. C. F. Emerson, Hanover, N. H., one volume.

H. Dane, one volume.

T. W. Lawson, Boston, one volume.

Mrs. Joseph R. Draper, one volume.

E. S. Balch, Philadelphia, one volume.

J. M. Fletcher, 1 pamphlet.

Miss Emily F. Fletcher, one vol., three pamphlets, two photographs.

Mrs. George T. Day, three pamphlets, two maps, 8 copies of a magazine.

New England Historical and Genealogical Society, seven volumes.

Magazines constantly on file in the Reading Room—Harper's, Century, Scribner's, Forum, North American Review, Atlantic, Bookman, Popular Science Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Littell's Living Age, McClure, St. Nicholas, Munsey, New England Birds and Nature, Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Weekly, Success, and Cumulative Index to Periodicals.

Exhibits from the Library Art Club—Holland, Florence, Elson prints, China, Lowell engravings, Daughters of the American Revolution, Birds, Youth's Companion.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners report as follows:

The past year seven lots have been placed under perpetual care, making the whole number twenty-four.

It will be seen that a large part are the lots of families of whom no member is now a resident of the town. These, with the number of non-residents contributing to the care of lots each year, show that over seventy are not forgotten or allowed to become waste places in the several cemeteries. The residents respond readily when called upon for the small amount required to keep their lots in good order. These sums, with that appropriated by the town, prevent our cemeteries falling below the excellent condition of previous years, and allow improvements to be made, little by little, as can be seen by all those visiting the cemeteries.

No change of name has been made in the North or West Cemeteries. In 1753 the town voted to receive "for a Burying Place a Piece of Land at a Place Called Tarkil hill being one acre more or less." This land was given "To the Town for a Burying Place for ever" by Ebenezer and Thomas Wright, and is now called the North Cemetery.

The Commissioners suggest the name of Hillside for the North and that of Westlawn for the West Cemetery, as appropriate. Only one person presented a name for either cemetery, in response to the request in the report of last year.

The Commissioners would recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the various cemeteries.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS.

RESIDENTS.

Mrs. J. W. Abbot, Fairview, care of tomb	\$ 5 00
Mrs. John Baker, 330 E. D.	1 00
Edmund Barton, 40 and 41, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. Agnes Beebe, 234, E. D.	1 00
Joseph Bennett, 61, E. D.	1 00
Ai Bicknell, two lots, Fairview	2 00
Edson G. Boynton, 333, E. D.	1 00
Augustus Bunce, 11 and 12, W. D.	2 00
William Burnett, 37, E. D.	1 00
Income from Sally B. Burrill fund, Fairview	1 75
Mrs. J. T. Butterworth, 236, E. D.	1 00
Income from Francis Caldwell fund, Fairview	1 76
Mrs. Frank Calvert, 26, W. D.	1 00
John B. Carmichael, 345, E. D.	1 00
John Carmichael, 68, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Clara P. Carkin, 145 and 338, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. William Carrick, 328, E. D.	1 00
C. A. Chamberlain, 53, W. D. and one in Fairview ...	3 00
P. G. Collins, 35, W. D.	1 00
Miss Annie L. Coolidge, 65, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. E. Caunter, 21, 22, and 26, E. D.	3 00
Mrs. Mary A. Davis, 364, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Drew, 30, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Drew, 43, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. J. Dugdale, 243, E. D.	1 00
Estate of Mrs. Emily A. Fletcher, Fairview	1 00
C. L. Fletcher, 42, W. D.	1 00
F. L. Fletcher, 83, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Julia A. Fletcher, 69, W. D.	1 00
John M. Fletcher, 76, W. D.	1 00
J. W. Fletcher, 154, E. D.	1 00
William E. Frost, 17, E. D.	1 00
August Gardel, 368, E. D.	1 00
George Q. Gilson,	1 00

Amount carried forward \$47 51

Amount brought forward	\$47 51
L. S. Gilson, 60 and 75, W. D., 320, E. D	3 00
William Gower, 42, E. D	1 00
John Greig, 14, W. D	1 00
Mrs. Abbie Hamlin, 366, E. D.....	1 00
Income from C. and C. A. Hamlin fund, 56, 57, E. D. .	3 52
W. O. Hawkes, 112, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. Charles A. Harris, 363, E. D	5 00
Income from M. Hennessey fund, 239, E. D	1 76
F. A. Hildreth, 43, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, Fairview	1 00
Frank Hindle, 336, E. D	1 00
Francis Hosmer, 325, E. D	1 00
E. F. Humiston, 136 and 142, E. D	2 00
Edmund J. Hunt, 367, E. D	1 00
Albert E. Jenne, 310, E. D	5 00
Andrew Johnson, 158, E. D	1 00
Mrs. Lucy A. Keyes, 39, E. D	1 00
Miss R. E. Luce, Fairview.....	1 00
George A. Leland, 247, E. D.....	1 00
Mrs. Arthur Longbottom, 249, E. D	5 00
George F. Millis, 57, W. D	1 00
F. Morton, 331, E. D.....	1 00
James L. Moss, 242, E. D.....	1 00
Frank E. Miller, 36, W. D.....	1 00
William Petherick, 339, E. D	1 00
Miss Sarah Precious, 47, E. D	1 00
Edward Prescott, 25, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. Frances A. Prescott, 167, and 168, E. D. and one in Fairview.....	3 00
Income from Nathan P. Prescott fund, 347, E. D.....	1 50
Alfred Prinn, 67, W. D	1 00
Miss Sarah Richardson, two lots in Fairview.....	2 00
Income from Sarah E. Richardson fund.....	1 76
Mrs. David H. Shattuck, 322, E. D.....	1 00
Miss M. Shaw, 355, E. D	1 00
Miss Clara A. Smith, 95, W. D	1 00
James Stewart, 138, E. D.....	1 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$107 05

Amount brought forward	\$107 05
Thomas Symmes, two lots in Fairview	2 00
Alfred Taylor, 258, E. D	1 00
S. L. Tylor, 101, W. D., 327, E. D., and one in Fairview	3 00
J. A. Walkden, 15, E. D	1 00
William Welch, 18, E. D	1 00
Mrs. Mary J. Wheeler, 77, W. D	1 00
C. E. Whidden, Whitney lot, Fairview	2 00
William Whigham, 54, E. D	1 00
Mrs. George H. Whiting, 159, E. D	1 00
Mrs. Hiram Whitney, 100, W. D	1 00
Samuel Willis, 20, W. D	1 00
John Wilson, 146, E. D	1 00
Myron J. Woods, 155, E. D	1 00
William L. Woods, 148, E. D	1 00
Mrs. F. C. Wright, 59, E. D	1 00
Andrew S. Wright, 28 and 29, W. D	2 00
G. P. Wright, 25, E. D	1 00
N. H. Wright, 46 and 47, W. D	2 00
W. M. Wright, 24, E. D	1 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Miss Lucy M. B. Abbot, Groton, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Martha Bailey, Lowell, 51 and 52, W. D	2 00
Mrs. G. A. Brigham, Charlestown, 106 and 107, W. D	2 00
Mrs. S. A. Butterfield, Ayer, 334, E. D., one in Fairview	2 00
Edward Craven, Lowell, 63, W. D	1 00
Miss Alice L. Davis, Somerville, 10, W. D	1 00
Jonathan Davis, Sterling, Fairview	1 00
Income from George Davis fund	87
J. C. Decatur, Boston, 268, E. D	1 00
Burt W. Decatur, Springfield, 64, W. D	1 00
Income from C. S. Dodge fund, 165 and 166, E. D	1 75
Mrs. A. E. Dupee, Roxbury, 144, E. D	1 00
Mrs. Rachel Dupee, Lowell, Fairview	1 00

Amount carried forward	\$148 67
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Amount brought forward	\$148 67
Mrs. W. P. Edwards, Brooklyn, N. Y., 66, E. D.	1 00
Income from Daniel Falls fund	87
Mrs. A. M. Felch, Chelmsford, 257, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Lucy J. Fletcher, Arlington, 92, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. B. Foote, Manchester, N. H., 22 and 23, W. D. .	2 00
Miss Louisa Garbett, Bristol, R. I., 55, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Green, Lowell, Fairview.	1 00
Income from J. B. Griffin fund, Fairview	1 75
George P. Hamlin, Boston, 111, W. D.	1 00
George E. Harris, Weymouth, 27, W. D.	1 00
Miss C. E. Hewitt, Gleasondale, 116, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Ellen Hildreth, Pelham, N. H., 87, W. D., and one in Fairview	2 00
Miss Helen C. Hildreth, Cambridge, 115, W. D.	1 00
F. S. Holt, Lowell, 39, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. G. F. Horne, Nashua, N. H., 16, E. D.	1 00
Income from Samuel Horne, fund	88
G. W. Hunt, Lowell, 341, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. James Hunt, Lawrence, 53, E. D.	1 00
S. M. Hutchins, Lowell, 54 and 89, and one in Fair- view	3 00
Miss A. L. Johnson, Somerville, 60, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. J. H. Laws, Somerville, 114, W. D.	1 00
Income from E. D. Metcalf, fund.	1 50
George C. Moore, North Chelmsford, 343, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Morse, Lowell, 58, E. D.	1 00
J. M. Osgood, Racine, Wis., 6, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. H. S. Parker, Lowell, Fairview.	1 00
Parker & Buxton, Lowell, 365, E. D.	1 00
Income from J. M. Parker fund.	87
Income from Mary A. Putnam fund, North Cemetery.	3 58
Miss Carrie E. Read, Littleton Common, Fairview. .	1 00
George E. Reed, Lowell, 70, W. D.	1 00
Income from Sarah S. Reed fund, West Cemetery	3 52
Mrs. Anna Richardson, Melrose, 74, W. D.	1 00
M. T. Richardson, New York, Fairview.	1 00
Mrs. F. K. Ripley, North Chelmsford, 2, E. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$194 64

Amount brought forward.....	\$194 64
Mrs. Nancy Sargent, Brookline, N. H., 59, W. D....	1 00
William Saville, Boston, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Charles J. Searles, Lowell, 66, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. George Scrutton, Lowell, 375, E. D	1 00
J. F. Spaulding, North Chelmsford, 346, E. D.....	1 00
Richard Stancomb, North Acton, 340, E. D.....	1 00
F. O. Stiles, Littleton, 41, E. D	1 00
Mrs. S. H. Trumbull, Beverly, Fairview	1 00
Income from Sarah E. P. Wells fund, West Cemetery .	3 01
Isaac G. Wheeler, Allston, 105, W. D	1 00
Mrs. E. J. Whitney, Littleton Common, 28 and 29, E. D	2 00
Mrs. A. M. Whitney, Spanaway, Wash., 21, W. D., and in one Fairview.....	2 00
Income from C. M. Wiley fund	1 75
Income from Luther Wilkins fund, 88, W. D	1 31
William T. Willis, Lowell, 19, E. D.....	1 00
A. A. Wright, Hudson, 34, W. D	1 00
Income from V. B. Wright fund.....	88
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	\$215 59

EXPENSES.

Fairview:

Paid A. P. Richardson and others, for labor.....	\$285 31	
G. H. Holt, for repairs on pump ...	1 00	
J. H. O'Brien, for top dressing and freight on same.....	66 83	
	<hr/>	\$353 14

North Cemetery:

Paid B. F. Nutting, for labor	\$10 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, for labor	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$12 50

West Cemetery:

Paid J. T. Colburn, for labor	\$ 6 50	
M. F. Hutchins, for labor	6 53	
for 800 lbs. dressing.....	14 00	
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General expenses:

Postage stamps for notices	\$5 00	
Grass seed, etc.....	3 26	
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		\$391 93

Amount appropriated by the town	\$200 00	
Amount received for care of lots	215 59	
	<hr/>	\$415 59
Amount expended.....	391 93	
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Unexpended balance	\$23 66	

TRUST FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

Sally B. Burrill fund, lot in Fairview	\$100 00
Francis Caldwell fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
George Davis fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Charles S. Dodge fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
Rachel Dupee fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Daniel Falls fund, lot in Fairview.....	50 00
S. D. Fletcher fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
S. D. Fletcher fund, lot in West Cemetery.....	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
T. H. Hamblett fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
C. and C. A. Hamlin fund, lot in Fairview.....	100 00
M. Hennessey fund, lot in Fairview.....	50 00
Samuel Horne fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Edwin D. Metcalf fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
James M. Parker fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott fund, lot in Fairview.....	50 00
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Amount carried forward.....	\$1,000 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,000 00
Mary A. Putnam fund, lot in North Cemetery	100 00
Sarah S. Reed fund, lot in West Cemetery.....	100 00
Sarah E. Richardson fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells fund, lot in West Cemetery	100 00
Clara M. Wiley fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
Luther Wilkins fund, lot in Fairview	75 00
John Wilson fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Varnum B. Wright fund, lot in Fairview	25 00
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	\$1600 00

G. W. HEYWOOD, Chairman,
MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS,
GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary,
Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,

GREETING :

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8.15 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit :

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To bring in their votes for Town Clerk, one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question : " Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town ? " all on one ballot.
- 3d. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Naming Streets and Roads, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.

- 11th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money to pay tuition of High School scholars, residents of the Town, at Westford Academy.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 18th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 19th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 22d. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 23d. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village and Brookside, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.

- 24th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year; also in such other matters which may arise, requiring in their judgment the action of such agent, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to mail a copy of the Annual Town Report to voters and property holders only, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) to be expended in such manner as the Tree Warden and Village Improvement Society may direct for the purpose of protecting shade trees or setting out the same or improvement of the roadside, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. By request of the Abbot Worsted Co., H. E. Fletcher & Co., George C. Moore, William C. Edwards, Herbert V. Hildreth and C. G. Sargent's Sons, to see if the Town will appropriate Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and three.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,

A TRUE COPY. ATTEST :

Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1903.



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1902-1903.

A. R. CHOATE, Chairman	Term Expires 1904.
H. M. SEAVEY, Secretary	Term Expires 1903.
JOHN C. ABBOT	Term Expires 1904.
GEO. H. HARTFORD	Term Expires 1903.
ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term Expires 1905.
ELBERT H. FLAGG	Term Expires 1905.

Superintendent of Schools.

H. E. RICHARDSON, Residence, Littleton Depot.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF WESTFORD:—

We hereby submit the report of the School Board for the past year, together with that of the Superintendent of schools.

We have been fortunate in retaining a superintendent and teachers who are progressive, and in sympathy with the best educational thoughts and methods, thus keeping abreast with the time.

It seems hardly necessary for the committee to reiterate the work done in the schools, as the superintendent's report which is endorsed by the committee, will cover all, including some pertinent suggestions for the future, all of which we heartily approve. We would especially emphasize the necessity of a new school building at the Centre, and think it would be well by another year, for the committee to submit to the Townspeople for their approval, something definite as to a site and the cost of a building such as would meet our requirements.

The conditions of the school buildings remain about the same, with the exception of the Forge Village school house which has been repainted, and the stony Brook school house which has undergone repairs. A well, which was greatly needed, has also been added to the latter the past year.

A. R. CHOATE,
J. C. ABBOT,
G. H. HARTFORD,
E. H. FLAGG,
T. A. E. WILSON,
H. M. SEAVEY,

School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME.

Balance unexpended from 1901.....	\$131 54	
Appropriation	6,000 00	
From State on account of Superintendent of Schools	250 00	
Income Massachusetts School Fund ...	426 34	
From Westford Academy for services of music teacher.....	25 00	
Tuition of scholars at Westford Academy	1,500 00	
State Board of Charity	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$8,343 38

EXPENDED.

Teachers	\$5,327 09	
Fuel	535 30	
Janitor service and cleaning	382 00	
Transporting scholars	493 00	
Tuition scholars Westford Academy	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,237 39
Balance unexpended.....		\$105 99

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Amount expended.....	569 11	
	<hr/>	\$30 89
Balance	\$30 89	

EXPENSE OF SUPERVISION.

Salary paid by Town	\$800 00	
Rebate from State	625 00	
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Net cost to Town	175 00	

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Schools	\$6,000 00	
Tuition scholars at Westford Academy..	1,500 00	
Text books and school supplies	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,100 00

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE WESTFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

GENTLEMEN:—My third annual report is hereby presented to you, and through you to the citizens of the town.

STATISTICS.

The statistics for the school year ending in June, 1902, are given in detail at the end of this report. Below I give a summary of these statistics.

Whole number of children of school age	459
Number of boys between 7 and 14 years	133
Number of girls between 7 and 14 years.....	145
Total	278
Number of boys between 5 and 15 years	204
Number of girls between 5 and 15 years.....	203
Total	407
Whole number enrolled in all the schools	467
Whole number between 7 and 14 years	310
Whole number between 5 and 15 years	423
Whole number over 15 years	28
Average Membership	386
Average attendance	341
Per cent of attendance	88
Number of Teachers	16
Number of weeks in school year.....	36

In reviewing the work of the past year we are impressed by the spirit of harmony that has prevailed among all connected with the schools. The teachers have been loyal and have rendered faithful, efficient service. The committee have been constant in their support and earnest in their endeavor to further the best interests of the schools. Everything considered it has been a pleasant and profitable year but it is not the part of wisdom

to be satisfied for such a condition would stand in the way of future progress. Only by earnest striving after better things can improvement be expected.

The subject of public school education is receiving marked attention everywhere. It is the purpose of the public school to help in preparing the children for the duties of life and citizenship and to this end may it not justly expect the sympathy and support of the entire community?

The schools of Massachusetts have attained a high degree of efficiency and the value of her educational system is recognized throughout the country.

A comparatively recent report of Hon. N. T. Harris, U. S. Commissioner of Education, states that each child in Massachusetts receives on an average seven years' of schooling, while each child in the nation receives only four and three tenths years.

Thus each child in the commonwealth receives on an average 63% more schooling than each child in the nation at large.

He quotes from the report of the chief of the Massachusetts Labor Bureau of Statistics to the effect that the average daily wealth producing power of each man, woman, and child in the state is 66 cents per working day, while in the nation at large the average production is 37 cents per working day. Thus the average wealth producing power of each man, woman and child in Massachusetts is 78% greater than a similar average in the nation at large. From these statements may we not infer that the prosperity of a community depends largely upon its educational advantages?

TEACHERS.

Few changes have occurred in the corps of teachers. During the summer vacation Miss Jennie Stowell resigned, after three years' faithful service at Parkerville, to accept a school in Chelmsford, and a town girl, Miss Frances Bannister, was elected to the place. Mr. Jacob Sanborn, who had taught successfully at Graniteville, resigned to do High School work and Mr. F. E. George, a graduate of Brown and a teacher of several years' experience, was chosen as his successor. Mrs. Loker of Acton, who had substituted at Nashoba for two terms, was

unable on account of ill health to continue teaching, and in November Miss Bertha M. Fields of the Fitchburg Normal School took the school for the rest of the year.

The Grammar School at Forge Village has been under the charge of Miss Mary A. Adams, an experienced teacher and graduate of the New Hampshire Normal School, and Miss I. M. Phillips has continued in the Primary department.

SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS.

Many of the schools in Westford present favorable conditions for doing highly commendable work. Those in Graniteville occupy a modern four room building and compare well in organization and equipment with many of the best schools in the larger towns and cities. Conditions are also favorable at Forge Village, during the past two years many necessary repairs have been made, a new heating apparatus has been put in, painting, etc., have been done so that now the general arrangement and equipment for a two room building are such as to meet all present needs.

But unfortunately the same cannot be said of the Center schools where conditions are, to put it mildly, far from satisfactory. Owing to the unfortunate location of the school building the cellar is damp much of the time, a constant menace to health of children and teachers alike, and is not deep enough to admit of a proper heating apparatus. The grammar room is unpleasantly situated in the roof of the building. As there are but two rooms in the building it is necessary to have more grades in each than can be handled to the best advantage.

A new school building is one of Westford's greatest needs. One which could accommodate the upper grammar, now in the Academy building, as well as the lower grammar and primary grades would be a credit to the town and a great step toward perfecting the organization and general efficiency of the Center schools.

It is a truism that one's surroundings have a pronounced influence for good or ill, upon character. Arrangements should be such as to permit both teachers and pupils to do their work under the most favorable conditions and inflict upon them the least possible annoyance.

PROMOTION.

The regular promotions are decided upon in June but as a child shows ability to advance during the year he is promoted to the next higher grade. For a number of years promotions generally have been made to depend upon the judgment of the teacher supplemented by that of the superintendent in special cases.

No one is kept back to mark time for it is recognized that there is quite as much danger in undertaxing as in overtaxing the mind. Every pupil should have enough to do to call into healthful activity all his mental faculties.

The question which teachers and superintendent try to answer before assigning a pupil to his place in the school is "Where will he get the most good?" that is, "Where will he find, all things considered, the best opportunity for growth?"

SCHOOL MANAGEMENT.

We ask careful perusal of the following quotation, which concerns the cooperation of parents and teachers, from the report of a neighboring town.

"But after all, there is one consideration which must not be overlooked. In establishing a system of public schools the state never intended to release fathers and mothers from their sacred obligation to train and educate their children but simply to assist them by providing facilities which ordinary means cannot procure. Cooperation then, between parents and teachers will not only give better schools but better children in the schools."

Parents often ask, "Are you giving us good schools?" It is fair for us to ask them a few questions.

"Are you sending us good children?"

"Are they trained to habits of prompt obedience?"

"Are other duties and pleasures allowed to interfere with school work?"

"Are your children allowed to speak disrespectfully of their teachers?"

"When you speak of the teacher before them, do you remember that she is a person of education, training, and good moral character?"

“Do you teach your children to understand that the habitual schooloffender bears the same relation to the school that the criminal does to the community?”

“The methods of school management have changed somewhat, but there is today the same need of regular attendance, punctuality, obedience, accuracy, thoroughness, and cooperation between home and school that has been referred to in report after report for the past fifty years.”

The increasing number of visits which parents are making to the schools indicate a more thoughtful interest in the welfare of their children and a desire to more fully understand the conditions which surround them when in the school room.

Parents should become acquainted with the teacher and know her desires and motives in school work. Thus the home and school are mutually helped.

GEOGRAPHY.

The science of Geography has been practically recreated in the past few years. The earth has become very much smaller through the marvellous inventions of the age: railway, telegraph, steamships, and telephone make the earth one neighborhood.

The ever increasing intimacy of all the nations of the earth with one another, together with the fact of our expanding territory, has given the study of geography a new importance and made a knowledge of it more necessary.

“Geography is not a simple science by itself like botany, geology, or astronomy, but a collection of sciences levied upon to describe the surface of the earth of the dwelling place of man and to explain some of its more prominent features.”

Political geography, which formed the stock of much of the former geography teaching, should be relegated to history where it properly belongs. History is closely allied to structural geography. Former teaching gave the impression that the earth has always been just as it appears now, that climate depends solely on distance from the equator, and gave descriptions of countries, peoples, and places, while the new teaching, with scientific thought as its basis, assumes that the earth, as we know it, is the result of a process of evolution “that what is, has come from what was, by means of processes still in operation.”

It endeavors to make plain the processes by which land and water have taken their present form and demands constant reasoning from cause to effect instead of the memorizing of names and descriptions.

A study of the effects of land formation upon drainage, climate, agriculture, industries, and commerce constitute a most important part of the new geography. Pupils today know vastly more of these subjects than was formerly acquired by school children. These changes no doubt mark a definite advance. What the present school children do not possess as did their fathers and mothers is the ability to bound every state in the United States, to name and locate every capital, and all the chief cities, and to trace the course of all the unimportant rivers. The non-essentials are fast being eliminated and teachers and pupils are putting time and thought on the more vital topics.

MUSIC.

This department under the supervision of Miss Samuels is doing most commendable work. Miss Samuels is an expert in her line and Westford is fortunate, with the limited funds at her disposal for this purpose, in securing so efficient a musical director.

"Music is an education. To educate you must train the powers of observation and refine the taste; you must stimulate the imagination, and more than all, you must touch the spirit. Music does this, and does it in a pleasing way. In every phase of life it is a recognized power. No social function, no civic event, no form of worship is complete without it."

"The object of music in our schools is to bring the child a knowledge of the essential principles of the study. Music is an exact science. No other study is so absolutely dominated by exactness. Its rules are inexorable. This study like no other develops every side of the child's nature. Daily vocal drill in our schools is a healthful exercise, inducing correct position, expanding the chest and lungs, developing the organs of speech, improving the enunciation, and teaching how to use, and above all to save the singing voice. From this exercise the child acquires conformity to strict and systematic drill. He learns to

do quick and accurate work with thorough concentration. The beautiful songs sung are in themselves a refining influence, filling the mind with pure and wholesome thought."

"Music gives a soul to the universe, charm to sadness, gaiety and life to everything. It is the essence of order and leads to all that is good, just, and beautiful of which it is the invisible but nevertheless eternal form."

In conclusion I wish to express my hearty appreciation for the cordial relations that have existed and to thank the committee for their continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

REPORT OF SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC.

MR. HERBERT E. RICHARDSON, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS,

DEAR SIR:—After three years of work under the Weaver system, we now feel that the scholars have a clear insight into music.

The work thus far has gone very smoothly, due to the hearty co-operation of the teachers and Superintendent. This year, two part singing has been introduced into the intermediate grades with good success. New books have been purchased for several rooms and we note an added interest the scholars take in singing from them. I would recommend that these books be furnished for all the intermediate and grammar grades of the town; placing the books now in use in the ungraded schools.

I feel that more time should be given to music in our Academy as a half hour a week is not sufficient for good work. In many places a whole morning is devoted to music in the High Schools dividing it into periods of sight singing; chorus work and Musical History and Harmony.

A glee club has been organized among the girls of the school and extra time outside of the regular singing period is given to their instruction. The work of the club has been done well and the interest shown by the girls makes me hopeful of an increase of interest in the whole school. Our grammar grades have just begun their part work, and so far we have met with good success.

To review briefly the work done during the year: The first two terms have been spent on drilling the elements of music with sight-singing, the last term is a general review taking up the rudiments of Harmony and Musical History.

The new system of teaching time this year, we find a great improvement on the old one, as it eliminates all difficulties which the children have found so troublesome heretofore.

The enforced vacation of two weeks with the large amount of sickness which has followed has somewhat interfered with the progress of the ungraded schools, yet I feel that their advancement has only been retarded temporarily as the teachers of our Westford schools are equal to any emergency.

It is our aim and object to make music real to the children and in watching the schools develop under the system we feel it has been accomplished.

I urge the parents to visit the schools and inspect the work done by the children in music.

The support which I have received from the teachers and Superintendent has made my work this year a pleasure.

Respectfully,

BLANCHE S. SAMUELS.

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICERS.

In accordance with the requirements of the Commonwealth and the vote of the Town, the following report is respectfully submitted.

Cases investigated	204
Cases brought to trial.....	0

AI BICKNELL,

JOHN A. HEALEY,

Truant Officers.

Program of Westford Academy Graduation Exercises, June 20, 1902.

PROGRAM.

- 1 Organ Solo—"War March of Priests," *Mendelssohn*
Mr. Charles R. Hartley.
- 2 Prayer.
Rev. Merritt S. Buckingham.
- 3 Essay—"The Referendum."
Archie A. Hartford, Westford.
- 4 Song—"Panis Angelicus," *Franck*
Mrs. Daisy Shaw Merritt.
- 5 Declamation.
Edna L. Ferguson, of the Junior Class.
- 6 Singing by the School—"Sweet and Low," *J. Barnby*
- 7 Essay—"The Great Pyramid."
Albert W. Gurney, Forge Village.
- 8 Song—"A New Heaven and a New Earth," *Gaul*
Mr. Albert E. Prescott, class of '81.
- 9 Essay—"Present Opportunities for Young Women."
Eva L. Burnham, Westford.
- 10 Organ Solo (a) "Chorus of Angels," *Scotson Clark*
(b) "Gavotti in B Flat," *Handel*
Mr. Hartley.
- 11 Conferring Diplomas.
Rev. Edward A. Horton.
- 12 "America."

GRADUATING CLASS.

LATIN SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Eva Lockwood Burnham, Albert William Gurney
Archie Augustus Hartford.

Motto:—"Virtus sola nobilitat."

STATISTICS FOR 1901-1902.

	Grades.	Number of Weeks.	Enrol-ment.	Average Member-ship.	Average Attendance.	Percent. of At-tendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy	X, XI, XII, XIII	39	38	30	27	90	6	20	18
Centre Grammar	VIII, IX, IV, V, VI, VII, I, II, III, VI, VII,	36	35	32	28.6	89	16	25	10
Centre Intermediate	VIII	36	34	31.7	28.19	89	34	34	0
Centre Primary	IV, V	36	31	26.6	22.8	85	12	30	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	III, IV, V, VI, VII,	36	33	25.7	21.8	84.7	28	28	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar	IV, V	36	38	33	29	88	33	33	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II, III	36	29	22.9	21	91	29	29	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	33	44	38.5	33.6	82	16	43	0
Forge Village Grammar	III, IV, V, VI, VII,	36	30	20.3	18.4	90	30	30	0
Forge Village Primary	I, II	36	55	46	40	87	32	55	0
Parkerville	I to VIII	36	19	12.3	11.2	91	14	19	0
Minot's Corner	"	36	15	15	13	87	11	15	0
Nashoba	"	36	15	13	11.8	90	13	15	0
Stony Brook	"	36	26	32	20	87	18	23	0
Nabasset	"	36	25	16.6	15	90	18	24	0
Totals			467	386.6	341.3	88	310	423	28

STATISTICS FALL AND WINTER TERMS, 1902-1903.

	Enrol- ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent. of At- tendance.	Between 7 and 14	Between 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy.....	34	31	29.8	96.5	1	7	26
Centre Grammar.....	32	27	23	85	13	24	8
Centre Intermediate.....	35	32	29	86	34	35	0
Centre Primary.....	32	25	22	88	22	32	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar.....	34	30	27	90	28	34	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar.....	33	31.7	28.6	90	32	33	0
Graniteville Upper Primary.....	32	28	25	89	28	4	0
Graniteville Lower Primary.....	44	37.7	32.7	86	18	44	0
Forge Village Grammar.....	26	24	23	94	25	26	0
Forge Village Primary.....	48	43.9	38	86	30	18	0
Parkerville.....	18	16	14.8	90	12	18	0
Minot's Corner.....	14	12	11	91	10	14	0
Nashoba.....	17	10	9	90	15	17	0
Stony Brook.....	25	22	18	83	19	25	0
Nabasset.....	31	21	17	80	24	31	
Totals.....	455	391	348	89	311	362	34

LIST OF TEACHERS 1902-1903.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	APPOINTED.	EDUCATED.	SALARY.
Academy { Principal	William E. Frost.....	1872	Bowdoin '72	\$1,700.00
Center Grammar { Assistant	Gertrude MacDonald	1902	Westbrook Seminary.....	600.00
Center Intermediate.....	Ruth Fisher.....	1900	Lowell Normal.....	450.00
Center Primary.....	Lillian G. Small.....	1901	Bucksport Seminary.....	386.00
Graniteville Upper Grammar	Anna A. Wood.....	1901	Farmington Normal.....	360.00
Graniteville Lower Grammar	F. E. George.....	1902	Brown University.....	540.00
Graniteville Upper Primary.	Issie A. Parker.....	1897	Westford Academy.....	360.00
Graniteville Lower Primary.	Mary E. Bemis.....	1900	Westfield Normal.....	360.00
Forge Village Grammar.....	Flora E. Palmer.....	1901	Westford Academy.....	360.00
Forge Village Primary.....	Mary A. Adams.....	1902	N. H. State Normal.....	396.00
Parkerville	I. Millie Phillips.....	1901	Worcester	450.00
Minot's Corner	Frances C. Banister.....	1902	Westford Academy.....	288.00
Nashoba	Eva C. Basset.....	1899	Framingham Normal.....	288.00
Stony Brook.....	Bertha M. Field.....	1902	Fitchburg Normal.....	288.00
Nabnasset	Anna Mellen.....	1899	Lowell Normal.....	324.00
Supervisor of Music.....	Luanna DeCatur.....	1901	Westford Academy.....	286.00
	Blanche S. Samuels.....	1902	Westfield	250.00

Roll of Honor for Year Ending June, 1902.

ONE YEAR.

Buckingham, Edward	Buckingham, Horace
Wall, Rachael May.	

TWO TERMS.

Blodgett, Marion	Leclue, Lorinne
Butterfield, Hattie	Lord, Marion
Decatur, Elsie	Lord, Philip D.
Flynn, John	Morton, Blanche
Gilson, Ella	O'Brien, Mary E.
Gilson, Alice May	Petherick, Albert
Wright, Carl.	

ONE TERM.

Balch, George	Leclere, Actor
Beele, Luella	Leclere, Mary
Beele, Walter	Lesseur, Flora
Buckingham, Willie	Morton, Thomas
Cann, George	Morton, Viola
Cann, Harvey.	Petherick, Fred
Cann, May	Prescott, Benjamin A.
Champagne, Tilly	Prescott, Ebenezer C.
Charlton, Agnes	Prescott, Lester
Charlton, Raymond	Prescott, Lucinda
Coburn, Charles	Pyne, Olive
Comey, Hazel M.	Record, Alice
Daly, Gladys K.	Reed, Annie
Dazrel, Renie	Rockwell, Webster
De Roehn, Elmer J.	Sanborn, Mabel
Ferguson, Howard	Savoir, Annie
Furbush, Ruth	Sullivan, Mary
Hambin, Evelyn C.	Sullivan, Willie
Hartford, Hazel B.	Symmes, Anna
Hartford, James	Symmes, Paul
Helie, George	Vinal, Olive B.
Kimball, Elizabeth	Walkden, Herbert H.

Wright, Lillian

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1903-1904.

SPRING TERM—Begins March 16, 1903; closes June 12, 1903.
Term's length, 13 Weeks.

FALL TERM—Begins Sept. 8, 1903; closes November 20, 1903.
Term's length, 11 weeks.

WINTER TERM—Begins November 30, 1903; closes February 26, 1904. Term's length, 12 weeks.

HOLIDAYS.

April 19; May 30; Thanksgiving week; Christmas week;
February 22.

ACADEMY.

SPRING TERM—March 23, 1903; June 19, 1903.

FALL TERM—August 31, 1903; November 25, 1903.

WINTER TERM—December 7, 1903; March 11, 1904.

Extracts from the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 494.

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF LABOR.

Section 1. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Sect. 2. No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or other mercantile establishment unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file and accessible to the truant officers of the town or city, and to the district police and inspectors of factories, an age and schooling certificate as hereinafter prescribed, and keeps two complete lists of all such children employed therein, one on file and one conspicuously posted near the principal entrance of the building in which such children are employed, and also keeps on file a complete list, and sends to the superintendent of schools, or, where there is no superintendent, to the school committee, the names of all minors employed therein who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language.

Sect. 4. An age and schooling certificate shall not be approved unless satisfactory evidence is furnished by the last school census, the certificate of birth or baptism of such child, the register of birth of such child with a town or city clerk, or in some other manner, that such child is of the age stated in the certificate.

Sect. 6. Whoever employs a child under sixteen years of age, and whoever having under his control a child under such age permits such child to be employed, in violation of section one or two of this act, shall for such offence be fined not more than fifty dollars; and whoever continues to employ any child in violation of either of said sections of this act after being notified by a truant officer or an inspector of factories thereof, shall for every day thereafter that such employment continues be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars. A failure to produce to a truant officer or inspector of factories any age and schooling certificate or list required by this act shall be *prima facie* evidence of the illegal employment of any person whose age and schooling certificate is not produced or whose name is not so listed. Any corporation or employer retaining any age and schooling certificate in violation of section five of this act shall be fined ten dollars. Every person authorized to sign the certificate prescribed by section five of this act who knowingly certifies to any materially false statement therein shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

Sect. 8. Truant officers may visit the factories, workshops and mercantile establishments in their several towns and cities and ascertain whether any minors are employed therein contrary to the provisions of this act, and they shall report any cases of such illegal employment to the school committee and to the chief of the district police, or to the inspector of factories for the district. Inspectors of factories and truant officers may require that the age and schooling certificates and lists provided for in this act of minors employed in such factories, workshops or mercantile establishments, shall be produced for their inspection. Complaints for offences under this act shall be brought by inspectors of factories.

CHAPTER 496.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TRUANCY.

Sect. 11. No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to a public school except under presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with smallpox, diptheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the town or city, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of smallpox, diptheria or scarlet fever, that a

period of at least two weeks, and in a case of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child has passed.

Sect. 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in sections three, seven, ten and eleven of this act: provided, that the superintendent of schools or, where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence; and *provided, further*, that the attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such town or city in accordance with section two of chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause such child to attend school as required by this section.

Sect. 19. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee or to such person as such committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any single term until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during the school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools the truant officers, and the secretary and agents of the state board of education.

Sect. 24. Every habitual truant, that is, every child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section twelve of this act, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, and if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

Sect. 25. Every habitual absentee, that is, every child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any town or city of the Commonwealth, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

Sect. 26. Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

Sect. 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Sect. 34. The truant officers of towns and cities shall inquire in all cases arising under sections eleven, twelve, twenty-four to twenty-six inclusive and thirty-one of this act, and may make complaints, serve legal processes, and carry into execution judgments thereunder. They shall perform the duties of oversight of children placed on probation as may be required of them under section twenty-eight of this act. A truant officer of any town or city may apprehend and take to school, without warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

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TOWN OF WESTFORD

Annual Report

For Year Ending March 1, 1904



Also

**Town Warrant for Annual Town
Meeting to be held March 21, 1904**

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.

ALSO

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO BE HELD MARCH 21, 1904.



LOWELL, MASS.

COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1904.

Officers of the Town of Westford, 1903.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHERTerm expires March, 1906

Selectmen.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, *Chairman* ...Term expires March, 1904

*ALBERT P. RICHARDSON.....Term expires March, 1905

WESLEY O. HAWKS, *Secretary*Term expires March, 1906

Assessors.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD, *Chairman* ...Term expires March, 1904

J. WILLARD FLETCHERTerm expires March, 1905

SAMUEL L. TAYLORTerm expires March, 1906

Overseers of the Poor.

LEONARD W. WHEELER, *Chairman* ...Term expires March, 1904

CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR.....Term expires March, 1905

ARTHUR H. BURNHAMTerm expires March, 1906

Treasurer.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

HUGH F. LEITH.

Constables.

JOHN A. HEALY,

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

School Committee.

JOHN C. ABBOTTerm expires March, 1904

ALBERT R. CHOATE, *Chairman*Term expires March, 1904

ELBERT H. FLAGG.....Term expires March, 1905

T. ARTHUR E. WILSONTerm expires March, 1905

CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAINTerm expires March, 1906

HOMER M. SEAVEY, *Secretary*Term expires March, 1906

*Deceased April 25, 1903. Oscar R. Spalding elected to fill unexpired term.

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

CATHERINE A. KEBLERTerm expires March, 1904
WILLIAM E. FROST, *Chairman*Term expires March, 1905
JOSEPH R. DRAPERTerm expires March, 1906

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINSTerm expires March, 1904
GEORGE T. DAY.....Term expires March, 1905
GEORGE W. HEYWOODTerm expires March, 1906

Tree Warden.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.

Field Drivers.

NATHANIEL J. DECATUR, MATTHEW F. DOWNS,
ALVAN FISHER.

Fence Viewers.

AUGUSTUS BUNCE, ALVIN G. POLLEY,
ALMON S. VOSE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLARD H. BEEBE,
CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR,
HORACE E. GOULD,
JOHN A. HEALY,
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Special Police Officers.

AI BICKNELL, MARK M. MORRISON,
LINCOLN A. REDDICK.

Fire Wards.

SAMUEL H. BALCH, JOHN A. HEALY,
WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK, HARRY L. NESMITH,
HENRY A. FLETCHER.

Forest Fire Wards.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK, GEORGE W. HEYWOOD.

• Weighers of Coal.

J. HERBERT FLETCHER, JOHN M. FLETCHER,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER, ALFRED W. HARTFORD,
J. AUSTIN HEALY, WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
JOSEPH THOMPSON, CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.

Superintendent of Streets.

BENJAMIN F. DAY.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of Board of Health.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK, WESLEY O. HAWKS.

Registrars of Voters.

ALFRED WOODBURY Term expires April 30, 1904
NELSON L. TUTTLE Term expires April 30, 1905
QUINCY W. DAY Term expires April 30, 1906
EDWARD FISHER, *Clerk, ex officio.*

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Homer M. Seavey; Deputy Warden, Walter J. Merritt; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, J. Herbert Fletcher; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William H. H. Burbeck; Deputy Inspectors, Clarence R. P. Decatur, Wayland F. Balch.

Precinct Officers.—Continued.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Deputy Warden, Albert R. Wall; Clerk, Walter C. Wright; Deputy Clerk, Hammet D. Wright; Inspectors, Joseph Wall, Henry A. Gurney; Deputy Inspectors, Henry J. Healy, Richard D. Prescott.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey; Deputy Warden, Peter B. McGlinchey; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Samuel L. Taylor; Inspectors, Amos B. Polley, Edson G. Boynton; Deputy Inspectors, Henry B. Reed, James H. O'Brien.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Janitor of Town House and Library Building.

AI BICKNELL.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

ELBERT H. FLAGG,

JOHN M. FLETCHER,

HENRY B. REED.

Births.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1903.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
April 8,	Anderson	Carl G. and Milda A. (Jonson)
Aug. 12,	Anderson, Carl Oscar	Oscar H and Susie (Cushman)
Nov. 27,	Anderson, Hermon H.	Gustof and Alma (Hesseland)
Nov. 29,	Blowey, Thomas H.	Samuel and Florence (Orange)
Mar. 30,	Boucher, Mary E E	Hermene and Lorida (Benoit)
Nov. 5,	Boyd, Harriett	John and Delia (Seymour)
Dec. 28,	Byron Armand F.	Joseph D. and Albertine (LeClaire) ..
Jan. 31,	Canton, Joseph	Carl and Josephine (Byron)
Feb. 5,	Champagne, Arthur	Louis and Mary (Demone)
Aug. 19,	Colburn, Charles H.	Charles D. and Nora (Stearns)
Feb. 19,	Dureault, Mary E. E.	Moses and Catherine (Guimont)
June 21,	Edwards, Walter W.	Frederick W. and Edith A. (McGregor)
June 30,	Flagg, Dorothy L.	Elbert H. and Lucy M. (Warren) ..
Dec. 18,	Fletcher, Walter N.	Harry N. and Dora B. (Sargent)
April 22,	Girouard, Mary E.	Alfred and Nellie (Morrin)
Oct. 31,	Good, Pearl L.	John and Mary (O'Brien)
Dec. 4,	Griffin, Hellen L.	Charles M. and Nellie M. (Collins) ..
Mar. 6,	Houle, John J.	Amede and Sarah (Norman)
Feb. 12,	Hunt	Leonard and Annie (Whigham)
Jan. 15,	Ingalls, Gladys	Harry M. and Zina L. (Mitchell)
Sept. 8,	Johnson	Frank T. and Mary (Ackerson)
Nov. 25,	Johnson, Ruth	William H. and Amy (Perkins)
June 13,	Kimball John Allen	George A. and Annie (Wilson)
Feb. 4,	Le May, Leonard W.	Joseph and Susan M. (Newman)
Apr. 1,	LeClare Leo	Louis and Melvina (LeClare)
May 1,	McCarthy, Joseph E.	Joseph F. and Josephine (Brisson) ..
Oct. 27,	McDonald, Leo C.	Alexander and Margaret E. (Riney) ..
Jan. 24,	Milot, Marie R.	Dennis and Delia (Lempron)
Oct. 3,	Miner, Kathleen H.	Charles H. and Clara M. (Hildreth) ..
April 23,	Mountain, Walter E.	Ernest G. and Catherine (Whigham) ..
Nov. 29,	Noteman	Jacob and Hiela (Noteman)
Mar. 8,	O'Dell, Ethel A.	Charles and Cora (Crockett)
Aug. 20,	Prue, George	Felix and Victoria (LeClaire)
April 20,	Reed, Thomas W.	Ephraim and Martha (Brown)
Jan. 10,	Seymour	Henri and Marie V. (Scott)
Nov. 10,	Silver, Ida	Charles and Annie (Silverberg)
Oct. 25,	Tanchi, Anna	Deminico and Isabella (Pietrafese) ..
Dec. 1,	Watt, Thomas R.	Charles L. and Christiana J. (Russell) ..

Two stillborn. Number recorded: males, 24 ; females, 18 ; total, 42.

Marriages.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1903.

Date.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Sept. 23,	Bell, Robert J.	23	Westford.	Gananoque
	Walkden, Jessie A.	20	Westford.	Westford.
April 12,	Caunter, Franklin R.	27	Westford.	Winchendon
	Shattuck, Ella M.	22	Westford.	Westford.
June 24,	Chamberlain, Charles A.	30	Westford.	Westford.
	Sanborn, Katherine W.	31	Newton	Charlestown
Feb. 21,	Del Favero, Bortolo	21	Westford.	Italy
	De Leatto, Geltrude	21	Westford.	Italy
Feb. 9,	Gijnac, Joseph A.	23	Westford.	Canada
	Gubunt, Fredine	22	Westford.	Canada
June 6,	Gould, George E.	48	Westford.	Tyngsboro.
	Nathans, Ida M.	41	Westford.	Portland
July 20,	Leduc, Ferdinand J.	25	Westford.	Canada
	Frechette, Eugene	19	Westford.	Canada
June 10,	Leith, Hugh F.	34	Westford.	Scotland
	Brown, Edith H.	25	Concord	Concord
Sept. 29,	McGlinchey, Peter J.	35	Westford.	Chelmsford
	Quessey, Emma M.	34	Chelmsford	Chelmsford
Sept. 5,	Moran, Joseph A.	23	Westford.	Lawrence
	Boynton, Sarah A.	21	Westford.	Lowell
Dec. 18,	Nyberg, Antt F.	30	Westford.	Finland
	Hamallainen, Anna.	22	Troy, N. H.	Finland
June 22,	Prescott, Harry B.	28	Westford.	Westford.
	Bremner, Alexina	21	Chelmsford	Scotland
May 20,	Riney, Frank D.	33	Westford.	Wilton, N. H.
	Sheehan, Margaret E.	38	Westford.	Waltham
Sept. 5,	Scott, Alexander	28	Westford.	Scotland
	St. John, Marie L.	23	Westford.	Winchendon
Aug. 15,	Sundbury, John O.	24	Westford.	Sweden
	Johnson, Christina	30	Westford.	Sweden
Mar. 24,	Tancerele, Noe	21	Westford.	Williamsburg ..
	La France, Salvina	17	Westford.	Canada
Sept. 23,	Wall, Albert R.	31	Westford.	Westford.
	Dunn, Julia B.	29	Westford.	Chelmsford
Nov. 11,	Wyman, William W.	21	Westford.	Westford.
	Billings, Elizabeth A.	20	Westford.	N. B.

Number of marriages recorded, 18.

Deaths.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1903.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Aug. 23,	Boucher, Mary E., daughter of Hermene and Lerendy (Boucher)	27	4	
Mar. 7,	Brow, Wesley G., son of Lawrence J. and Jane (Thomas)	27	3	16
Mar. 16,	Carkin, Isaac W., son of Isaac and Catherine (Lund)	81	3	11
April 19,	Downs, Frank L., son of Matthew F. and Mary A. (Prentiss)	47		25
Dec. 27,	Drew, Sarah, widow of Greenleaf	79	8	
Mar. 1,	Gignac, Origene, son of Moses and Victoria (Gauthier)	3	6	
Mar. 31,	Gilson, Joan, widow of Samuel S.	76	9	11
July 19,	Girouard, Marie F.E., daughter of Albert and Delvina (Raymond)		3	
Mar. 17,	Gould, Edwin, son of Joseph and Polly (Smith)	80	10	3
April 13,	Harrap, Thomas, son of John and Betsey (Harrap)	67		
Nov. 29,	Harris, Charles A., son of Abbot and Rebecca (Blanchard)	64	1	9
Mar. 19,	Houle, John J., son of Amede and Sarah (Norman)			13
Feb. 26,	Johnson, Carl E. L., son of Frank T. and Mary (Ackerson)	1	11	16
Aug. 12,	La Clair, Leo L., son of Louis and M. (La France)		4	
July 26,	Le May, Leonard W., son of Joseph and Susie (Newman)		5	21
July 4,	McLaughlin, Arthur, son of John and Mary	64		
May 13,	McNaughton, Helen M., daughter of Matthew A. and Catherine (Bell)	8	16	13
April 5,	Morton, Everett F., son of Finnemore and Lillie E. (Northrup)	5	4	24
Sept. 20,	Nutting, Esther R., widow of J. Parker	81	4	
Aug. 12,	Prescott, Olive A., daughter of Luther and Olive	62	2	6
April 25,	Richardson, Albert P., son of Solomon and Sarah E. (Tufts)	60	1	22
April 22,	Rushworth, Mary H.	67		
April 30,	Seifer, Christopher F., son of Christopher and Catherine E. (Fiskel)	63	4	22
Nov. 9,	Vose, William M., son of Josiah and Mary	80	6	
Feb. 5,	Wilkerson, Joseph D., son of Robert and Anna (Durant)	84	3	7
Jan. 23,	Wright, Jephtha, son of Bela and Sarah	75		12
Nov. 2,	Zanghi, Isabella P.	27		

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	20	10	30
Number of deaths in town	20	9	29
Residents of Westford	19	10	29

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record, or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 14.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve some trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,

Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1903.

142 males at \$2.00.....	\$284 00
13 females at \$5.00.....	65 00
Total	\$349 00
Clerk's fees, 155 licenses at 20 cents.....	31 00
Balance paid into County Treasury.....	\$318 00

Number of licenses since last return, November 30th, 1903:
males, 21; females, 2; total, 23.

Number returned by Assessors: Males, 157; females, 12;
total, 169.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT, FEB. 16, 1903.

Abbot, Alice C.	Carkin, Warren E.
Abbot, Edward M.	Carmichael, James H. (m. & f.)
Abbot, John C.	Carmichael, John, Jr.
Balch, Samuel H.	Carver, William R.
Banister, Frank W.	Catchpole, Henry
Barlow, Frank	Champaign Louis
Blaisdell, Alvin	Comey, Arthur H.
Blodgett, Josiah W.	Connell, John H.
Blood, Napoleon B.	Cummings, Charles M.
Boynton, John	Cummings, Edward M.
Bridgford, Ralph	Decatur, Clarence R. P.
Brown, John H.	Decatur, John H.
Burbeck, John	Decatur, Nathaniel J.
Burke, Dennis	Decatur, William H. (m. & f.)
Burnham, Arthur H.	Del Favero, Bartolo
Bussey, George W.	Delorenzo, Celeste
Butterworth, William L.	Demers, Thomas
Cameron, Alexander A.	Desmond, David
Cameron, Donald M.	Drew, Annie B.

- Driscoll, Michael D.
 Edwards, Charles
 Edwards, Frederick W.
 Eliason, Lars J.
 Elliott, Matthew
 Feeney, John
 Field, Adelbert L.
 Fisher, Alvan
 Fletcher, Harry N. (3)
 Fletcher, Henry A. (3)
 Fletcher, J. Herbert
 Flynn, John
 Gardell, Auguste
 Goode, Jonathan
 Gould, Horace E.
 Gregory, Frank
 Greig, John L.
 Griffin, Charles M.
 Gurney, Henry A.
 Hall, John
 Harrington, Henry P.
 Healy, Frank
 Healy, John A. (2)
 Healy, Henry J.
 Healy, Ruby
 Healy, Ruby A. (f.)
 Healy, Stephen
 Henry, Mary
 Hildreth, Charles W.
 Hinckley, Sylvanus
 Houghton, Henry
 Hunt, Edward
 Irish, George F. (f.)
 Jarvis, Everett P. (f.)
 Jesson, Thomas
 Jenne, Albert E.
 Johnson, William W.
 Kebler, Elizabeth A.
 Kendrick, George W. (f.)
 Kimball, George E.
 Knight, Joseph E.
 Ladeau, Alfred F.
 Larkin, Thomas J.
 Leland, George A.
 Mann, Evelena L.
 Marden, L. Everet
 Marden, Lewis J.
 Marshall, Peter
 Martin, Frederick
 McCarthy, Joseph F.
 McCarthy, Robert J.
 McCoy, Frederick L.
 McDonald, Angus
 McDougall, Alexander
 McGlinchey, Michael L.
 McGlinchey, Peter J.
 McLeod, Donald J.
 McMaster, Harry C.
 Meades, Dwight H.
 Mellor, Thomas
 Miller, Frank
 Mountain, Ernest
 Mountain, George E.
 Murphy, Frank
 Murphy, Henry J.
 Murphy, William
 Nesmith, Harry L. (f.)
 Nutting, Benjamin F.
 O'Brien, James (3)
 O'Brien, James H.
 O'Brien, John
 O'Brien, John W.
 Orange, Abraham
 Osgood, Susan A.
 Page, A. M.
 Polley, Alvin G.
 Prescott, Albert
 Prior, Arthur L.
 Provost, Thomas N.
 Purcell, Herman L.
 Pyne, Olive
 Quinn, John
 Read, Henry B.
 Reddick, Lincoln A. (f.)
 Reed, Charles W. (2)
 Richardson, Joseph T.
 Salls, Reuben
 Sargent, Charles G.
 Sears, Harry F.
 Seemes, Lixey W.

Seifer, William F.
 Seymour, Henry
 Shaw, Frank A.
 Shorey, Fred H. (f.)
 Shugrue, Charles F.
 Snow, Fred L.
 Splaine, John B. (m. & f.)
 Stephens, Reinhold
 Swanson, Noah
 Sweat, Marion
 Sweetser, Judson F.
 Sweetser, Warren P.
 Toper, Samuel
 Tonsignant, David
 Valentine, Mary
 Voyer, Peter (2 m. & f.)

Ward, John E.
 Wayne, William
 Whidden, Elmer H.
 Whigham, William (2)
 Whitney, Charles H. (f.)
 Whitney, Hamilton (f.)
 Wilkerson, Lizzie
 Wilson, T. Arthur E.
 Woods, William L.
 Wright, Flora M.
 Wright, Frank C.
 Wright, Hammet D.
 Wright, William E.
 Wyman, George W.
 Wyman, Walter W.
 York, Mabel C.

Annual Town Meeting, March 16, 1903.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, March 16, 1903, the following business was transacted:

1. John M. Fletcher and T. Arthur E. Wilson, appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively.

2. Chose Herbert E. Fletcher, Moderator.

The Selectmen appointed William E. Frost and Joseph Wall, Ballot Clerks, who were sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipts therefor. The ballot box was opened, and found to be empty the register was placed at zero. The polls were declared open at 8.15 A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and on the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls, and Walter J. Merritt and Peter McGlinchey appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing such ballots, they were sworn by the Town Clerk. It was voted to hold the polls open until 1.15 P. M.

At 1.15 P. M. the polls were declared to be closed. The register stood at 305. Number of names checked on ballot clerks' list and ballot box list was: Males, 299; females, 3; total, 302.

Number of ballots cast: Males, 299; females, 3; total 302.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.

4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on naming Streets and Roads as printed. It was later voted, to rescind

the action taken in this Article and then voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen on naming Streets and Roads as printed.

6. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed, substituting in place of the figures \$253 appearing in the Schedule of Personal Property at Alms-house, the figures \$553.

7. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed. This report recommends "that the sum of \$150 be raised and appropriated in addition to the sum received for dog licenses in 1904, for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year."

9. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds. This report recommends "that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the various cemeteries."

10. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

11. Voted to permit David L. Greig to withdraw his name from the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen.

Voted to add the name of Walter A. Whidden to the jury list in place of David L. Greig.

Voted to accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and as amended by the prior vote. The list is as follows: William H. H. Burbeck, laborer; Augustine W. Carkin, quarryman; Ernest H. Dane, painter; Quincy W. Day, farmer; Elbert H. Flagg, farmer; John M. Fletcher, merchant; John Feeney, harness maker; Walter A. Whidden; Edwin E. Heywood, farmer; George H. Hartford, farmer; Frank H. Hildreth, farmer; George A. Kimball, farmer; Joseph E. Knight, wheelwright; Henry J. Murphy, farmer; Elmer E. Nutting, machinist; James O'Brien, blacksmith; Charles E. Osgood, carpenter; Judsons Parsons, farmer; Wilbert E. Parsons, provision dealer; Nathan Prescott, painter; Amos B. Polley, farmer; Ossian V. Robey, carpenter; Almon S. Vose, farmer; John Wilson, farmer; J. Everett Woods, farmer; Alfred Woodbury, farmer.

12. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. on the amount collected.

13. Voted that \$3,000 be raised and appropriated for repair of roads and bridges.

Voted to appropriate \$1,000 additional for the repair of roads and bridges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for town debts and charges.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for public schools. Voted to appropriate \$100 additional to be expended by the School Committee for the teaching of music in the schools.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500 to pay tuition of high school scholars, residents of the Town, at Westford Academy.

17. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,200 for support of the poor.

18. Voted to appropriate \$600 from the funds of the Town to purchase school text books and supplies.

19. Voted to adopt Article 19 as printed. Article 19.—“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.

20. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent per annum, and collect the same according to law. There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed, of five per cent. if paid on or before October 1st, and three per cent. if paid on or before December 1st next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within three days after the first days of October and December, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received on or before the fifth days

of October and December, and furthermore, the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February, and the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July 1st next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode, within five days after the said first day of July.

21. Chose the following officers by hand vote: Field Drivers, Nathaniel J. Decatur, Matthew F. Downs, Alvan Fisher. Fence Viewers, Augustus Bunce, Alvin G. Polley, Almon S. Vose. Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber, Samuel L. Taylor, Thomas E. Symmes, Horace E. Gould, Clarence R. P. Decatur, John A. Healy, Willard H. Beebe, Michael L. McGlinchey, William W. Johnson, Alonzo H. Sutherland.

22. Voted to appropriate \$50 to commemorate Memorial Day.

23. Voted to appropriate \$75 to distribute books from the Public Library among the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village and Brookside.

24. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as the agents of the town for the purpose specified in Article 24. Article 24.—“To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year; also, in such other matters which may arise requiring, in their judgment, the action of such agent, and act in relation to the same.”

25. Voted to adopt Article 25, which read as follows: “To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to mail a copy of the Annual Town Report to voters and property holders only, and act in relation to the same.”

26. Voted to appropriate \$50, the same to be expended in the manner defined in Article 26, which read as follows: “To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50 to be expended in such manner as the Tree Warden and Village

Improvement Society may direct, for the purpose of protecting shade trees or setting out the same in improvement of the road-side, and act in relation to the same."

27. Voted to adopt Article 27 as printed, which read as follows: "By request of the Abbot Worsted Co., H. E. Fletcher & Co., George C. Moore, William C. Edwards, Herbert V. Hildreth and C. G. Sargent's Sons, to see if the town will appropriate \$200 for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town, and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or police officers to enforce the law, and act in relation to the same."

28. The votes having been counted, the following named were found, and declared to be, elected to the respective offices:

Town Clerk—Edward Fisher.

Selectman—Wesley O. Hawkes.

Assessor—Samuel L. Taylor.

Overseer of the Poor—Arthur H. Burnham.

Town Treasurer—Nahum H. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—Hugh F. Leith.

Constables—Samuel H. Balch, John A. Healy.

School Committee—Charles A. Chamberlain, Homer M. Seavey.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—Joseph R. Draper.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—George W. Heywood.

Tree Warden—William H. H. Burbeck.

"Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town"—Yes, 117; No, 161.

The ballots, used and unused, were enclosed in separate envelopes, as also the voting lists, and sealed, duly endorsed as required by law, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

29. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

30. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, July 29, 1903.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, July 29, 1903, the following business was transacted:—

1. John M. Fletcher and T. Arthur E. Wilson appointed tellers by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively.

2. Chose Sherman H. Fletcher moderator.

3. The Selectmen then appointed William E. Frost and William H. H. Burbeck ballot clerks, who were sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots and receipted therefor. The ballot box was opened, and found to be empty the register was placed at zero. The voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officer named in Article 2. At 1 o'clock P. M., the polls were declared to be closed; the register stood at 20.

The number of names checked on the ballot box and ballot clerks' list was 20. The number of ballots cast was 20.

The ballots were sorted, counted and announced, as the law requires; the result was as follows:

Selectman—Oscar R. Spalding; 20 votes.

Oscar R. Spalding was declared to be elected.

The ballots, used and unused, were enclosed in separate envelopes, as also the voting lists, sealed and duly endorsed as required by law, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, October 9, 1903.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, Oct. 9, 1903, the following business was transacted:

1. Sherman H. Fletcher chosen moderator.
2. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to appoint a person to complete the collection of the unpaid taxes for the years 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, and that such person receive a compensation of 4% on the amount collected. That whoever be appointed for the collection of taxes for the years 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902 be instructed to use the full power granted by law for the collection of taxes and that, at the end of sixty days from the time when the taxes for said years are committed to him for collection, he is hereby directed to sell, according to law, all parcels of real estate on which there may be unpaid taxes of said years; also that he be authorized to mail, at the expense of the town, tax bills to each person whose taxes for said years are unpaid, and that the Town Clerk shall furnish him a sufficient number of copies of the instructions given him by this meeting for mailing with said tax bills.
3. Voted that that portion of the Oak Hill Road from a point in the bend thereof about ten rods east of Gilson's Brook to its terminus near Herbert E. Fletcher's house be discontinued.
4. Voted that that portion of the road leading from Minot's Corner to Chelmsford Centre, past the house of Albert E. Jenne, be designated as the Chelmsford Road.
5. Voted that the Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the inhabitants of Westford, and in consideration of one dollar paid by the Trustees of Westford Academy to execute, acknowledge and deliver to said Trustees of Westford Academy, a deed, conveying the interest of said inhabitants of Westford in and to a portion of the Academy lot, so called, situated in Westford Centre, northerly of said Academy building.
6. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.
7. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 3, 1903.

Party Designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total.
Whole number of ballots cast	177	139	50	366

GOVERNOR.

John L. Bates of Boston (R.)	130	71	26	227
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (S. L.)	0	4	0	4
John C. Chase of Haverhill (S.)	1	11	0	12
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton (P.)	2	5	1	8
William A. Gaston of Boston (D.)	38	46	20	104

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury (S.)	2	12	1	15
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston (R.)	129	67	28	224
William F. Merrill of Malden (P.)	3	3	0	6
Richard Olney, 2nd, of Leicester (D.)	34	40	16	90
Mority E. Ruther of Holyoke (S. L.)	0	5	0	5

SECRETARY.

Olof Bokeland of Worcester (S.)	1	11	0	12
John F. Coyle of Lynn (S. L.)	0	4	1	5
Alfred L. Cutting of Weston (P.)	4	3	0	7
Ezekiel M. Ezekiel of Springfield (D.)	29	36	14	79
William M. Olin of Boston (R.)	124	69	27	220

TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total
John A. Billings of Rockland (S.)	1	12	0	13
Edward S. Bradford of Springfield (R.) . .	122	67	28	217
Napoleon B. Johnson of Milford (P.)	4	3	0	7
Frederick A. Nagler of Springfield (S. L.) .	0	4	0	4
Thomas C. Thacher of Yarmouth (D.) . . .	32	37	14	83

AUDITOR.

John H. Hagan of Lynn (S. L.)	0	4	0	4
Joseph Orr of Chicopee (S.)	1	13	0	14
Alfred E. Steele of Northampton (P.) . . .	4	4	0	8
Francois X. Tetrault of Southbridge (D.)	28	34	13	75
Henry E. Turner of Malden (R.)	124	65	26	215

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

John A. Anderson of Gardner (S. L.) . . .	0	5	0	5
William J. Carroll of Lowell (S.)	2	12	0	14
Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park (P.)	3	3	0	6
John J. Flaherty of Gloucester (D.)	29	32	15	76
Herbert Parker of Lancaster (R.)	127	65	27	219

COUNCILLOR.

Oscar C. Hulsman of Malden (S.)	2	14	0	16
William J. McCluskey of Lowell (D.) . . .	30	36	14	80
Walter S. Watson of Lowell (R.)	122	64	28	214

SENATOR.

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington (R.) . . .	128	66	28	222
John P. Farley of Lowell (D.)	31	42	14	87
Benjamin Staveley of Tewksbury (S.) . . .	1	14	2	17

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

	Prec. 1.	Prec. 2.	Prec. 3.	Total
Edward Fisher of Westford (D.).....	82	75	24	181
George H. Hartford of Westford (R.) ...	89	56	21	166

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

George R. Duren of Carlisle (D.).....	35	40	15	90
Samuel O. Upham of Waltham (R.) . . .	121	67	27	215
Charles W. Ussher of Cambridge (S.) . .	2	13	0	15
Horace Hamblet of Westford	0	0	1	1

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY.

Emanuel Bernier of Medford (S.).....	1	13	0	14
Samuel H. Folsom of Winchester (R.)...	128	60	28	216
Frank J. Simonds of Lowell (D.).....	30	38	16	84

REGISTER OF DEEDS.

John J. Devine of Lowell (D.).....	30	37	14	81
Joseph P. Thompson of Lowell (R.)....	128	70	27	225
J. Bert Williams of Lowell (S.).....	1	12	1	14

COUNTY TREASURER.

Joseph O. Authier of Cambridge (D.)....	33	34	15	82
Charles G. F. Claus of Malden (S.).....	2	12	0	14
Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville (R.)....	123	67	28	218

ACCEPTANCE OF "LUCE LAW," SO CALLED.

Yes	57	46	11	114
No	48	19	10	77

RETURN OF VOTES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR
MIDDLESEX DISTRICT, NO. 23.

	Acton.	Ayer.	Little- ton.	Shirley.	West- ford.	Total.
Edward Fisher of Westford. .	89	152	72	54	181	548
George H. Hartford of West- ford	231	207	105	106	166	815
Blanks	25	30	8	25	19	107
Whole number of ballots	345	389	185	185	366	1470

Petition of Order of Notice

Upon and Location Granted to the Lowell and Fitchburg
Street Railway Company.

PETITION.

To the Honorable, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford in the County of Middlesex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Your petitioners, the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Co., by a majority of its directors, respectfully represent that they have organized to construct a street railway from the Boston & Maine railroad crossing on East Main street, in the town of Ayer and County of Middlesex, and to extend through Groton, Westford and Chelmsford in the County of Middlesex to the junction of the Nashua, Dunstable and Groton roads at North Chelmsford village, one of its termini; with a branch at or about the Sandy Pond station, on the Boston & Maine railroad in Ayer, and running through Littleton, Acton and Concord in the County of Middlesex, to the square in Concord Village, its second termini.

And your petitioners pray that they may be granted locations beginning on the boundary line between the towns of Westford and Chelmsford, at or near the point where the so-called Groton road crosses said boundary line to the boundary line between the towns of Westford and Groton, at or near the point where Central street, so-called, crosses said boundary line, at which point they may connect with the location granted by the Selectmen of the Town of Groton.

That the location shall begin at the boundary line between the towns of Westford and Chelmsford, at or near the point where the so-called Groton road crosses same; thence along

said Groton road and private lands to Beacon street, in Graniteville Village; thence along Beacon street to Main street; thence along Main street to Union street; thence along Union street to Central street in Forge Village; thence along Central street and private lands to the boundary line between the towns of Westford and Groton, and to there connect with the location which has been granted to your petitioners by the Selectmen of the Town of Groton, and with the right to erect the necessary poles, and to operate said railway by the overhead electric system, or with any other system or power as may seem best; together with all other rights incidental to such operation.

Also, your petitioners pray for a location in the Town of Westford and County of Middlesex from a point at or near the junction of River street and Main street, in Graniteville Village; thence along River street to Fourth street; thence along Fourth street to Broadway; thence along Broadway to the Graniteville and Westford road, so-called; thence along the Graniteville and Westford road, so-called, and private lands to Main street; Westford Centre; thence along Main street to Depot street, to a point known as Drew's Corner.

Also, your petitioners pray that they may be granted a location in the Town of Westford and County of Middlesex from the boundary line between the Towns of Westford and Chelmsford, at a point where the Westford road, so-called, in West Chelmsford Village crosses same along said Westford road, so-called, to the junction of said road with the highway leading across Stony Brook at Brookside Station.

Your petitioners respectfully represent that they will file, within the proper time, such plans of proposed railway as will be acceptable to your board.

Majority of Board of Directors,

LORING N. FARNUM,
W. S. MURRAY,
H. O. WEAVER,
GEORGE T. DAY.

Westford, Mass., April 24, 1903.

Ordered by the Board of Selectmen of Westford, Mass., in session on the foregoing petition of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, a body corporate under the laws of said Commonwealth, for locations for its tracks in said Town of Westford, that a meeting of said Board of Selectmen be holden at the Town Hall at Westford Centre, on Saturday, the ninth day of May next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at which time and place said Board of Selectmen will consider said petition and all parties interested may be heard, and that due written notice of such hearing be given by publishing a copy of said petition and this order thereon in the Lowell Morning Citizen, a newspaper published in Lowell, Mass., (there being no newspaper published in said Westford), the publication to be at least fourteen days before said meeting.

WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALBERT P. RICHARDSON,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
Selectmen of Westford.

I hereby certify that the above petition of the Directors of the Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Co. for locations of its tracks in said Westford was filed with the Selectmen of said Westford April 24th, 1903, and that said petition and order of the said Selectmen thereon, was published as therein ordered in the Lowell Morning Citizen, a newspaper published in Lowell, in said County (there being no newspaper published in said Westford), upon April 25th, 1903.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Westford, Mass., May 12th, 1903.

Then personally appeared the said Edward Fisher, Town Clerk, and made oath to the truth of the above statement signed by him before me.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
Justice of the Peace.

TOWN OF WESTFORD.

Whereas, the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, by a majority of its directors, has petitioned for a location of the tracks of a street railway in the Town of Westford, and for permission to construct, equip, maintain and operate a street railway thereon of a single or double track with all necessary turnouts and connections, to make use of an overhead electric system, or with any other system or power, as may seem best, together with all other rights incidental to such operation ; to erect and maintain the necessary poles, wires, etc., along said route ; and due notice of a hearing upon said petition having been given, and a hearing had thereon, it is

Ordered, That a location is hereby granted to the said railway company as petitioned for, over the following streets, viz :

A double track beginning at a point on the Groton road near Fletcher's quarry where said Groton road crosses the boundary line between the town of Chelmsford and the town of Westford ; thence running along said Groton road and through private lands to Beacon street in the village of Graniteville ; thence along Beacon street to Main street in Graniteville ; thence a single track location along Main street to Union street ; thence a double track location along Union street to Central street in Forge Village ; thence along Central street and private lands to the boundary line between the towns of Westford and Groton.

Also a single track location beginning at the junction of Main and River streets in Graniteville Village ; thence along River street and private lands to Broadway ; thence along Broadway to the Graniteville and Westford road, so-called ; thence along the Graniteville and Westford road and private land to Main street in Westford Centre ; thence along Main street to Depot street at a point known as Drew's Corner.

Also a single track location on the road leading from West Chelmsford to Westford beginning at a point on the town line between Chelmsford and Westford ; thence running along said road to the junction of said road and the highway leading across Stony Brook at Brookside Station, with suitable turnouts, side tracks and switches.

The above location to be more definitely shown by detailed plans to be accepted by the Selectmen of the Town of Westford. Said plans when accepted to become part of the franchise.

The location and rights described aforesaid are granted upon the following express conditions, a violation of any of which shall, at the election of the Board of Selectmen, operate as a forfeiture of the location and rights herein granted.

SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL LAWS.

SECTION 1. The right to build and operate the railway is upon the condition that said company shall comply with all the laws of the Commonwealth applicable thereto; also with all the requirements of the by-laws of the Town of Westford and the regulations of the Selectmen, both those now in force, and those that may hereafter be adopted.

PLAN TO BE FILED.

SEC. 2. Before beginning the construction of said railway said railway company shall file with the Town Clerk of Westford a description and plan of said location, showing in detail the proposed location of all tracks, sidings, turnouts, switches and poles, and such alterations in the width and grading of said streets, including filling and excavating within the limits thereof, as may be considered necessary for said road.

SEC. 3. The whole work of construction, and the kind and quality of material used, shall be under the direction of and satisfactory to the Selectmen, and approved by them.

RAILS.

SEC. 4. The said company, wherever the track is laid outside and separate from the travelled way, shall use "T" rails weighing not less than sixty pounds per yard, and where the track is in the travelled way, the said company shall use either nine inch, one-half groove, girder rails, weighing not less than ninety pounds per yard and sixty feet long, properly paved, or "T" rails weighing not less than sixty pounds per yard, and the space between the tracks and eighteen inches outside thereof

filled with macadam, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen. In all cases the track is to have a clearance from any obstruction of at least four and one-half feet on tangents, and more in proportion on curves.

TIES.

SEC. 5. The said company shall use ties not less than six inches face, six inches thick, and seven feet long, of chestnut or such other material as the Selectmen shall approve. Ties to be laid not over twenty-four inches apart on centre.

STREET WIDENING.

SEC. 6. The said company shall, at its own expense, put the travel portion of the highway in as good condition as it was before construction of the company's track, whether the change in said travel portion of the highway is occasioned by the widening, straightening or rebuilding of any street, or the building or rebuilding of any bridge or culvert, or by reason of reconstruction or repairs of said railway, or in the location or construction of any extension thereof, such widening, straightening, building, or reconstruction or rebuilding shall be done by said Town or by said company, as the Selectmen may elect; any widening, straightening or building of the railway located by this order to be shown upon said plan before construction is commenced, and the entire cost and expense of any work required to be done under this section shall be paid by said railway company, including the cost of land, or any rights therein, or any damages for the taking thereof; the roadway independent of the railway to be of sufficient width to properly accommodate other travel.

The entire cost of all such filling and excavating as may be required by the Selectmen within existing limits or layouts of streets, in order to provide for the railway or any extension thereof, including all expense incident to such filling and excavating, and the settlement of all damages and claims arising therefrom, shall be borne by said company. Any filling and excavating required in the construction of said railway hereby located to be shown upon the said plan before commencing construction.

GRADE, SNOW AND ICE.

SEC. 7. All tracks shall be laid in conformity with the plans approved by the railroad commissioners. The roadbed is to be constructed with at least eighteen inches of suitable ballast below base of rails, and properly drained. Surface water and existing water courses to be properly provided for at the expense of the railway company.

Said company shall not run snow plows or remove snow from its tracks unless they remove an amount of the snow from said streets or sidewalks sufficient to make such streets and sidewalks safe and convenient for public travel and satisfactory to the Selectmen. If any snow or ice is removed by said company, and it is done so as to leave any part of the street or sidewalk dangerous in the opinion of the Selectmen, they or either of them may cause such snow or ice to be removed as to make said streets and sidewalks safe and convenient for public travel, and the expense thereof shall be charged to and paid by the said railway company. If the company does not open its line or branches because of snow or ice to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectmen, the Board may remove or cause to be removed such snow or ice, and collect the cost of such removal, including reasonable counsel fees, from the Company.

SEWER MAINS AND PIPES.

SEC. 8. If at any time said Town shall lay sewer mains or other pipes in said streets, or widen said streets, or raise or lower the grade thereof, or make any alteration or excavation therein, and it shall be necessary to remove any of the tracks of said company, the expense of such removal and of relaying said tracks shall be borne by said company, in conformance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SURPLUS MATERIAL.

SEC. 9. The company shall, at its own expense, remove all waste and surplus material from the streets to spoil banks provided by the company, unless otherwise ordered by the Board

of Selectmen. Said waste and surplus material if so ordered shall be deposited at such place within one mile and to grades as directed by the Board.

All ways shall be left in as good and safe condition as they were when the work was commenced, to the satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen.

The company shall not close or blockade any cross street or private highway during construction without permission from the Board of Selectmen.

POLES.

SEC. 10. All poles erected by said company shall be of chestnut or cedar, or of such wood and size and form as the Selectmen may direct, and shall be of sufficient strength to carry any and all wires that may at any time be attached to them, and shall be kept painted and of such color as the Selectmen shall determine. Cross bars shall be placed on all the poles erected by the company if required by the Selectmen. All poles shall be firmly set not less than six feet in the ground, and shall be on one side of the street whenever required by the Selectmen, be of such height, not exceeding forty feet above ground, as the Selectmen may order, so as to provide suitable spaces on said poles, above the wires and attachments of the railway company, for attaching and supporting other wires.

WIRES.

SEC. 11. Trolley wires, feed wires and all other wires shall be maintained not less than twenty feet from the ground, unless otherwise authorized by the Selectmen. Guard wires shall be placed over trolley wires wherever required by the Selectmen.

Said Board of Selectmen shall have the right to order that all wires in said street shall be placed upon the poles of said company, without prejudice, however, to the right of said company to receive reasonable compensation from other companies for the use of its poles, or arrangements shall be made by said company with all other companies now having wires strung

or having the right to string wires in said streets, whereby they shall be granted the right to use said company's poles for their wires, wherever the same will not be detrimental to the said railway company ; but no wires belonging to any other company or person shall be placed upon said poles without permission first being obtained in writing from the Selectmen.

Any department of said Town shall have the exclusive use of the upper cross bar and the top of each pole, free of charge, for the purpose of placing wires thereon for its own use.

All wires shall be so placed as not to interfere with, or be in dangerous proximity to, any existing wires belonging to the Town of Westford.

Proper bonding shall be made to convey all return current.

SEC. 12. Wherever said track passes opposite the entrance of any private avenue or driveway, said company shall plank, pave or macadamize said driveway or avenue, as required by the Selectmen, between the rails and for suitable distance, not exceeding eighteen inches on the sides thereof. And wherever the track crosses a street, walk or gutter, said company shall properly pave or macadamize the same, if required by the Selectmen, and the said walk or gutter has been previously paved or macadamized.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

SEC. 13. Said Railway Company shall at its own expense maintain proper electric lights of at least 25 candle power along the location of said railway in the villages of Westford Centre, Graniteville, Forge Village and Brookside. Said lights to be located at points designated by the Board of Selectmen, and shall be kept burning to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectmen.

RUNNING OF CARS AND FARES.

SEC. 14. Said Railway Company shall, unless prevented by accident or other unavoidable delay, or excused by the Selectmen, run its cars daily throughout the year in both directions between the terminus of its tracks at Westford Centre and the

terminus of its tracks at North Chelmsford at regular intervals of not less than one hour each without a change of cars, and an intermediate car from Westford Centre to Forge Village to the reasonable satisfaction of the Selectmen.

The first car from said Westford Centre and from said North Chelmsford to start not later than six-thirty o'clock A. M., and the last car shall leave North Chelmsford not earlier than ten-thirty o'clock P. M., provided, however, in case a later car is required reasonable accommodations shall be given for the transportation of passengers by said railway company.

The fare for a continuous ride between Brookside Station and a point in North Chelmsford Village where proposed road will connect with the tracks of the Boston & Northern Street Railway shall not exceed five cents.

The fare for a continuous passage from any point in the town of Westford to any other point in said Westford, including therein a change of cars or transfer shall not exceed five cents.

All school children attending the public schools shall be carried to and from school on such days as the schools are in session for ten rides for twenty-five cents, which will be furnished in the form of strip tickets good for school children only.

Said company shall carry free of charge all members of the police and fire departments wearing their badge of office in the performance of their duties.

BOND.

SEC. 15. The said company before beginning the construction of said railway shall execute and deliver to the Town of Westford a bond in the penal sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) conditioned to indemnify the said Town, its officers and agents, from and against all claims and demands for injury to person or property, all costs, charges and expenses, or compensation for or on account of any defect or defects in said streets in consequence of said company's failure to keep its tracks, turnouts and switches in repair, or in any way resulting from the construction and operation of said street railway com-

pany upon and over said streets, and to reimburse said Town for all loss or damage at any time sustained by it on account of said defects.

And also that it will save harmless said Town and its officers and agents from all claims or demands for injury to person or property, costs, charges and expenses growing out of, or resulting from, the erection, maintenance, operation and use of electric system for motive power.

The Selectmen may at any time after the expiration of the above bond, or any subsequent bond, require a new bond upon the same conditions as above set forth.

TIME OF COMPLETION.

SEC. 16. The company shall complete the construction of proposed road within eighteen months from the date of acceptance of this franchise.

TREES.

SEC. 17. No trees or shrubs shall be cut or trimmed by said railway company except by permission of the Tree Warden.

SEC. 18. The terms "Board of Selectmen," "Selectmen" and "Board" as used in this order of location and in terms, conditions and obligations to which said order is subject, are intended and shall be taken to extend to and include all successors of the existing Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,

Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., May 9th, 1903.

May 28, 1903.

Petition of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company for authority to construct and maintain its railway in part upon private land.

It appearing, after due notice and hearing, that the petitioner has been duly authorized to construct and maintain a street railway in the Town of Westford, and has received locations for the tracks of its railway therein; that in order to avoid undesirable grades and curves the public necessity and convenience demand that a portion of the railway of the petitioner be constructed and maintained over private land; that approval of the proposed plan of construction upon private land has been duly obtained from the Board of Selectmen of said Town, it is

Ordered, That the petitioner be hereby authorized to construct and maintain its railway upon and over private land within said Town as particularly described upon the plans filed with this petition.

Attest : (Signed)

WM. A. CRAFTS,

Clerk.

May 28, 1903.

Upon the application of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company,

After due notice and hearing and full consideration,

THE BOARD HEREBY CERTIFIES that the location granted to the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company for the tracks of its railway in the Town of Westford, under the order of the Board of Selectmen of said Town dated May 9, 1903, a copy of which order is on file with this petition, and described upon a plan on file in this office, is consistent with the public interests.

Attest : (Signed)

WM. A. CRAFTS,

Clerk.

BOSTON, MASS., May 28th, 1903.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of the Town of Westford,
Massachusetts :

Gentlemen:—We, a majority of the Board of Directors of the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, hereby accept the order of your Board, dated May 9th, 1903, whereby a location in accordance with law has been granted to the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company in the Town of Westford, said location being accompanied with plans duly filed and agreed to by your Board, which plans were and are a part of said location. Said order of May 9th, 1903, and the plans, which are a part thereof, having been duly approved by the Board of Railroad Commissioners of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under certificate of said Board, dated May 28th, 1903.

LORING N. FARNUM,
WM. S. MURRAY,
H. O. WEAVER,
GEORGE T. DAY.

Tree Warden's Report.

Westford, January 30, 1904.

As Tree Warden, I submit the following:

Work done the past year has been the trimming of trees found in different parts of the town and granting permission to remove some that were either dying or where it was needed to do so.

W. H. H. BURBECK,
Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, January 30, 1904.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures, I submit the following report:

Number of hay scales sealed.....	8
Number of platform scales sealed.....	19
Number of counter scales sealed.....	27
Number of spring balances sealed.....	2
Total	56

WINE MEASURES.

Number of one gallon measures.....	7
Number of two quart measures.....	8
Number of one quart measures.....	5
Number of one pint measures.....	2
Number of half pint measures.....	1
Total	23

WINE MEASURES.

Number of four quart cans.....	9
Number of three quart cans.....	1
Number of two quart cans.....	10
Total	20
Number of glass jars, one quart.....	62
Number of glass jars, one pint.....	20
Total	82

W. H. H. BURBECK,
Sealer.

Assessors' Report.

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1st.....	\$723,340 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1st.....	450,747 00
Value of personal estate, May 1st.....	374,348 00
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	\$1,548,435 00

AMOUNT RAISED.

For purchase of books and periodicals	
for library	\$ 150 00
Public burial grounds	200 00
Public roads and bridges	3,000 00
Town debts and charges	2,000 00
Public schools	6,000 00
Tuition of high school scholars at academy	1,500 00
Support of poor	2,200 00
Library note	500 00
State note	1,000 00
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	\$16,550 00
State tax	1,200 00
County tax	1,670 15
Overlayings	523 00
Additional taxes	47 80
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	\$19,990 95

Number of Polls	681
Horses	428
Cows	724
Sheep	41
Neat cattle	184
Swine	54
Fowls	2,290
Houses	483
Tax on one hundred dollars	\$1 20

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town hall	\$14,000 00
Public library	26,000 00
Town farm	7,000 00
Public parks	1,500 00
Cemeteries	1,500 00
Centre school house	3,500 00
Stony Brook school house	1,500 00
Forge Village school house	3,800 00
Nashoba school house	1,500 00
Parkerville school house	1,800 00
Minot's Corner school house	1,500 00
Nabnasset school house	1,500 00
Long-Sought-For school house	1,600 00
Wright school house	1,500 00
Graniteville school house	4,500 00
Fire apparatus	350 00
Trust funds	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$75,050 00

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1899.

Merrill, Warren E.....	\$2 00	
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1900.

Merrill, Warren E.	\$2 00	
O'Brien, John	2 00	
O'Dell, Robert	2 00	
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1901.

Forrest, Jacob	\$2 00	
Gould, Roscoe	2 00	
Hickey, Daniel	2 00	
Lincoln, George W.	2 00	
Lahey, Daniel	2 00	
Martin, Frederick, 2nd ..	2 00	
Pitts, Elmer	2 00	
O'Brien, John	2 00	
Minot, Isaac G.	1 04	
DeRoehn, William H.	2 00	
Cummings, George W.	33	
Brown, John P.	2 00	
Johnson, Willam H.	1 53	
Ward, Daniel	16 18	
	<hr/>	\$39 08

1902.

Seifer, C. Frederick	\$1 95	
Moore, James	2 00	
Mooney, Edward	2 00	
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Amount carried forward	\$5 95	

Amount brought forward.....	\$5 95
Nichols, Moses G.	2 00
Amission, Frederick	2 00
Arokel, Alick	2 00
Adam, Michael	2 00
Billings, George	2 00
Baker, John	2 00
Buckingham, George	33
Brown, John S.	2 00
Byron, Frank	2 00
Burke, Daniel	2 00
Bradbury, Ernest C.	2 00
Coffey, Peter	2 00
Cancreal, Noel	2 00
Charlie, John	2 00
Gay, Antonio	2 00
Hall, John, 2nd	2 00
Hennessy, Frank	2 00
Hagberg, Axel	2 65
Hamil, Paul	2 00
Harrap, Annie Mrs.	85
Harrap, William J.	2 00
Hampargoon, John	2 00
Henderson, Peter	2 00
Harmon, Thomas	2 00
Johnson, Carl	2 00
Johnson, Gustave	2 00
Kelley, John	2 00
Lovell, Edwin	2 00
Hamburg, Charles A.	2 00
Lane, Jacob W.	2 00
Larson, John	2 00
Lumburg, Malcolm	2 00
Lindstrom, Paul	2 00
Lapoint, Joseph	2 00
Martin, Fred, 2nd	2 00
McLaughlin, Arthur	2 00

Amount carried forward \$75 78

Amount brought forward.....	\$57 78
Miller, Henry	2 00
Mann, A.	2 00
Payne, Thomas	2 00
O'Brien, John W., 2nd	2 00
Whitney, George H.	2 00
Nicklin, George N.	2 00
Natten, John J.	2 00
Noyes, J. E.	2 00
Osgood, George B. . .	2 00
O'Connell, John	2 00
Peters, Charles	2 00
Quinn, John	2 00
Reed, Edward	2 00
Stark, Hugh	2 00
Sherman, Daniel W.	2 00
Smith, Jeff	2 00
Sarkissian, Arador	2 00
Shajain, Dominick	2 00
Sarkis, A.	2 00
Taylor, Loring B.	2 00
Tancreal, Noel	2 00
Voter, George	2 20
Varkin, John	2 00
Watson, John	2 00
Longbottom, Arthur	2 00
Longbottom, Walter	2 00
Carr, Thomas	2 00
Delaney, James	2 00
Dinsmore, Wiliam	2 00
Duffey, William	2 00
Delott, Joseph	2 00
Farley, Patrick J.	2 00
Foy, Robert	2 00
Gremley, James	2 00
Garo, Krikor	2 00
Kelley, Georgiana Mrs.	2 08

Amount carried forward..... \$148 06

Amount brought forward.....	\$148 06	
Butterworth, George W.	2 00	
Henry, James	2 00	
Bois, Ernest A.	2 00	
Langley, Joseph	2 00	
O'Brien, John	2 00	
Hildreth, Henry A. heirs	6 50	
Quinn, James F.	2 00	
Naylor, Frank	2 60	
Minot, Isaac G.	1 04	
Cummings, George W.	33	
Dunn, Thomas F.	2 00	
Dunn, George J.	2 00	
Kenrich, Willis H.	2 00	
Leland, Hiram	3 63	
Petherich, William	2 00	
Brown, John P.	2 00	
Johnson, William H.	2 00	
McCarthy, Joseph F.	2 00	
Mills, Herbert H.	2 00	
Merrill, Warren E.	2 00	
Reed, Ephraim	2 00	
Symmes, William E.	14 49	
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		\$247 53

1903.

Frazier, Thomas	2 12	
Wright, Charles M. non resident	6 00	
Billings, Arnold	2 00	
Elliott, James	2 00	
Marchiona, Carlo	2 00	
O'Brien, William	2 00	
Boies, Ernest A.	2 00	
Boucher, Joseph	2 00	
Richardson, Albert P. estate	6 00	
Seifer, C. Frederick estate	6 00	

Amount carried forward \$ 32 12

Amount brought forward.....	\$32 12	
McDonald, Angus	2 70	
Flagg, Clifton	2 40	
Flagg, Lucy M.	2 64	
Murphy, Edward	3 12	
Kelley, Georgiana Mrs.	1 92	
Langley, Fred	2 00	
Milott, Isaac	2 00	
Tesaw, Peter	2 00	
Tesaw, David	2 00	
Tesaw, Fred	2 00	
Gardner, George C.	2 60	
Symonds, Nathan estate	30	
O'Brien, John	2 00	
Symmes, Fletcher	1 20	
Bicknell, Ai.	7 40	
Blaisdell, Alvin J.	1 20	
Naylor, Frank	2 40	
Nichols, Moses G.	2 00	
Martin, Fred, 2nd	2 00	
Hymen, Erick	2 00	
Leland, Leroy B., jr.	2 00	
Minot, Isaac G.	96	
Cummings, George W.	30	
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		\$81 26
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		\$328 79

SUMMARY.

Abatement of taxes, 1899	\$ 2 00	
1900	6 00	
1901	39 08	
1902	200 45	
1903	81 26	
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		\$328 79 .

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,
Assessors of Westford.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNCOLLECTED FEB. 29, 1904.

1901.

Charles H. Bicknell	\$14 03
Nathaniel J. Decatur	2 17
Luther Lawton	2 33
Mark W. Jenkins	7 43
Charles F. Shugrue	28 00
John E. Ward	10 20
Thomas Whigham	2 00
Willey M. Wright	2 00
Mrs. Willey M. Wright	8 13
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	\$76 29

1902.

Charles H. Bicknell	\$17 34
Alfred S. Davis estate	10 35
Nathaniel J. Decatur	3 30
William H. Decatur	58 29
Selden W. Kimball	2 16
Leroy B. Leland	2 00
Luther Lawton	2 33
John Lorman	2 00
Frank McGlinchey	2 00
B. F. Parrott	12 40
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Amount carried forward.....	\$112 17

Amount brought forward	\$112 17
John Porter	2 00
Charles Shugrue	26 38
John E. Ward	8 51
Daniel Ward	16 31
Thomas Whigham	2 00
Willey M. Wright	2 00
Mrs. Willey M. Wright	8 13
Mrs. Ida M. Voter	7 80
Otis L. Caldwell	97
Mrs. Mary J. Ward	14 30
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	\$200 57

1903.

Carl Anderson	\$2 00
Amos Angel	2 00
Paul Bik	29 24
Charles Brooks	2 60
William Buckley	2 00
John Boyd	4 70
John S. Brown	2 00
Joseph Bellinger	2 00
Konstan Bilaski	2 00
Thomas Bartlett	2 00
Harper Billings	1 00
John Callahan estate	9 90
Frank R. Caunter	2 00
John F. Coburn	2 00
Mrs. Walter H. Cummings estate	9 00
William Curren	2 00
Mrs. William Curren estate	15 84
William Coleman	2 00
John Curtis	2 00
Alfred S. Davis estate	18 78
Mary Daley estate	7 68

Amount carried forward \$122 74

Amount brought forward	\$122 74
C. R. P. Decatur	24 30
Edward Decatur	2 00
Nathaniel Decatur	3 20
William H. Decatur	56 84
Mack Deseateau	2 00
Joseph Deceague	2 00
Euric Dresnault	2 00
Dan Dempsey	2 00
Robert Eastdale	2 00
Samuel N. Eaton	2 00
Samuel Fletcher estate	131 52
James Grimley	2 00
Moses Gignanc	2 00
Alfred Girard	2 00
Ira Gassett	2 00
Charles E. Harrington	2 00
John Hagberg	2 00
George Hutchins	2 00
Charles Hanks	2 00
Herman Hermanson	2 00
Alec Hyman	2 00
William W. Johnson	24 02
William H. Johnson	2 00
Frank S. Johnson	2 00
John Johnson	2 00
Andrew Johnson 2nd	2 00
John Jelski	2 00
Selden W. Kimball	7 83
Otto Kunti	2 00
Nicholas Kinsey	2 00
George A. Leland	2 00
Leroy B. Leland	2 00
David Lord	2 00
Edwin Lovell	6 12
Luther Lawton	3 20
Amount carried forward	\$433 37

Amount brought forward.....	\$433 77
John Lorman	2 24
Robert Lorman	2 60
Henry L. Lavally	2 00
Horace LeClair	2 00
Joseph Marshall	45 50
William W. Martin	2 00
Joseph McCarty	2 00
Frank McGlinchey	2 00
Herbert L. Mills	2 00
Joseph Morin	2 00
Frank Morin	5 60
Henry Milott	2 00
Odilion Milott	2 00
Severn Milott	2 00
Joseph Milott	2 00
William Mozier	2 00
Daniel May	2 00
Patrick Matty	2 00
Obondio Marchioni	2 00
William McGrath	2 00
Michael Murphy	2 00
John J. Madden	2 00
Mrs. Honora O'Brien	51 06
Wilbert E. Parsons	28 26
Mrs. Wilbert E. Parsons	27 60
B. F. Parrott	11 60
A. B. Parrott	5 60
Ephraim Reed	2 00
Joseph T. Richardson	2 36
Guy L. Rockwell	2 00
Charles F. Shugrue	24 74
Thomas O. Sullivan	27 56
William E. Symmes	13 52
Fred H. Shorey	34 98
George E. Sherman	9 50
J. Sumoline	2 00
Amount carried forward.....	\$768 49

Amount brought forward	\$768 49
Jefferson Smith	2 00
James Taylor	2 00
Elmer Toussignant	2 00
Simon Voto	2 00
John E. Ward	8 18
Daniel Ward	13 02
Charles H. Whitney	2 00
Mrs. Sarah F. Whitney	26 70
George W. Whitney	2 00
Walter W. Wyman	2 30
Mrs. Ida Wyman estate	10 80
Abel C. Whittier	73 58
George W. West	2 00
Mrs. Ida Voter	7 20
Isaac S. Wright	3 00
Emma E. Varnum paid since audit	2 40
Frank A. Fletcher	6 42
Jeffrey & Reed	1 80
Richard F. Wood (Paul Jasmin)	9 74
Otis S. Caldwell	90
Mrs. Mary J. Ward	13 20
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	\$961 73

Selectmen's Report.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary	\$100 00	
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expenses	35 75	
	<hr/>	\$135 75

TOWN CLERK.

Edward Fisher, salary	\$12 00	
Recording 39 births at 50 cents each ...	19 50	
25 marriages at 20 cents each .	5 00	
41 deaths at 20 cents each ...	8 20	
Services at two special town meetings ..	6 00	
Services at State election.....	3 00	
Attending Town Clerks' meeting at Ayer.	3 00	
Making out report.....	5 00	
Postage	85	
	<hr/>	\$62 55

SELECTMEN.

Sherman H. Fletcher, salary	\$ 5 00	
Making out State Aid Book	6 00	
Making 24 State Aid and Indigent Sol- diers' returns under Chapter 79, Revised Laws	6 00	
Making out Town Report	15 00	
Time and expenses on highways	40 00	
Extra time as Selectman	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$117 00

Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	\$ 5 00	
Time and expenses on highways	40 00	
Extra time as Selectman	45 00	
	<hr/>	\$90 00

Oscar R. Spalding, salary	\$ 5 00	
Time and expenses on highways	10 00	
Extra time as Selectman	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$25 00

Albert P. Richardson, a member of the Board of Selectmen, died April 25, 1903. Mr. Richardson was elected in 1902. At the time of his death he was Undertaker, which office he had held for many years, and had formerly served on the Board of Selectmen for a number of years. He was an experienced official and a valuable member of the Board. His death was a loss to the town.

AUDITOR.

Hugh F. Leith, services	\$35 00
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ASSESSORS.

Geo. H. Hartford, 35 days taking invoice and making taxes	\$87 50	
Samuel L. Taylor, 26 days taking invoice and making taxes	65 00	
J. Willard Fletcher, 30 days taking invoice and making taxes	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$227 50

TAX COLLECTOR.

Arthur L. Prior, collecting \$277.69 at 1 per cent.	\$ 2 78	
Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$1,652.90 taxes of 1899 to 1902 inclusive at 4 per cent.	66 12	
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Amount carried forward	\$68 90	

Amount brought forward.....	\$ 68 90	
Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$17,722.13 taxes 1903 at 1 per cent.....	177 22	
Field & Cowles, Collector's bond for Arthur L. Prior.....	10 00	
Field & Cowles, Collector's bond for Leonard W. Wheeler.....	40 00	
Hobbs & Warren Co., Collector's cash book.....	2 00	
Express on Collector's cash book.....	20	
Hobbs & Warren Co., blanks for Collector	3 55	
	<hr/>	\$301 87

CONSTABLES.

John A. Healey, services and expenses, 1902.....	\$35 00	
John A. Healey, posting warrants, 1902	4 00	
John A. Healey, notifying officers elected, 1902.....	3 00	
John A. Healey, killing dog, 1902.....	1 00	
Arthur L. Prior, posting warrants.....	5 00	
John A. Healey, services and expenses, 1903.....	40 50	
John A. Healey, notifying delinquent dog owners.....	10 00	
John A. Healey, notifying officers elected.	3 00	
John A. Healey, posting warrants.....	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$112 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Nelson L. Tuttle, nine meetings.....	\$18 00	
Quincy W. Day, nine meetings.....	18 00	
Alfred Woodbury, nine meetings.....	18 00	
Edward Fisher, nine meetings.....	18 00	
Edward Fisher, Clerk of Board.....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$82 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

George T. Day, services	\$100 00
Received from State \$50.00	

PRECINCT OFFICERS, BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Precinct One.

William E. Frost, Ballot Clerk, March ...	\$2 00	
Walter J. Merritt, Teller, March	1 00	
Peter B. McGlinchey, Teller, March	1 00	
T. Arthur E. Wilson, Inspector, March ...	2 00	
Joe Wall, Inspector, March	2 00	
William E. Frost, Ballot Clerk, July ...	2 00	
T. Arthur E. Wilson, Teller, July	2 00	
T. Arthur E. Wilson, Inspector, November, 1902	2 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, Inspector, July	2 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, Inspector, November..	3 00	
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		\$19 00

Precinct Two.

A. R. Wall, Warden, November	\$4 00	
H. A. Gurney, Inspector	3 00	
John A. Healey, teaming and care of ballot box	3 00	
Joe Wall, Inspector, November	3 00	
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		\$13 00

Precinct Three.

M. L. McGlinchey, Warden, November ..	\$4 00	
W. R. Taylor, Clerk, 1902	3 00	
A. B. Polley, Inspector, November	3 00	
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		\$10 00
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		\$42 00

TREE WARDEN.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services	\$10 00
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UNDERTAKER.

Albert P. Richardson, attending 31 funerals, 1902	\$62 00	
Albert P. Richardson, making 20 returns	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$67 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. E. Richardson, Superintendent.....	\$800 00	
H. E. Richardson, postage, stationery and express	28 70	
C. E. Whidden, express	5 85	
Homer M. Seavey, making reports	11 25	
	<hr/>	\$845 80

Amount received from State on account of Superintendent of Schools, \$625, divided as follows: \$250 for schools, \$375 to general fund.

APPRAISING PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

Horace E. Gould, services	\$2 00
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TOWN COMMON.

Ai Bicknell and others, cleaning common and cutting grass	\$17 75
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OVERSEERS OF POOR.

By orders (See Overseer's report)	\$1870 01
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services	\$25 00
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SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS AND ARTICLES FURNISHED.

CENTRE SCHOOL—TWO SCHOOLS.

Hiram Dane, labor	\$3 00	
G. H. Holt, repair of pump	3 25	
Wright & Fletcher	4 28	
Masury, Young & Co., No-Dusto	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 53

STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Wright & Fletcher, supplies	\$ 43
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FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Conant & Co., Supplies	\$ 1 90	
H. A. Ferguson, labor	10 40	
Chamberlain & Co., supplies	7 60	
Wright & Bemis, supplies	50	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	3 03	
Masury, Young & Co., No-Dusto	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$31 43

NASHOBA SCHOOL.

E. H. Flagg, glass and labor	\$ 43	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	1 70	
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PARKERVILLE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

J. H. Colburn, labor and stock	\$3 00	
E. H. Flagg, repair of pump, etc	1 25	
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	35	
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MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL-HOUSE.

J. H. Colburn, labor and stock	\$4 25	
J. E. Knight, labor	3 50	
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NABNASSETT SCHOOL-HOUSE.

G. H. Holt, repair of pump	\$ 2 50
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GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL-HOUSE.

A. Gardell, labor	\$ 5 85	
Abbot & Co., supplies	1 55	
P. H. Harrington, shingling house	210 00	
P. H. Harrington, extra work and stock	11 62	
Wright & Bemis, supplies	2 29	
John Callaghan, repair of furnace	42 76	
Joe Wall, labor	50	
Masury, Young & Co., No-Dusto	8 00	
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EIGHTH GRADE SCHOOL.

Wright & Fletcher, supplies	\$ 1 00	
E. E. Babb & Co., chairs.....	16 80	
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		\$367 74

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Ginn & Co.	\$ 95 71
J. & I. E. Moore	14 80
E. E. Babb & Co.	221 35
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.	6 03
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Amount carried forward	\$337 89

Amount brought forward.....	\$337 89	
W. G. Poor.....	14 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.	22 55	
Thompson, Brown & Co.	5 00	
Rand, McNally & Co.	5 88	
Boston Music Co.	1 27	
Boston School Supply Co.	10 50	
American Book Co.....	90	
J. L. Hammett Co.	58 36	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	1 20	
H. S. Turner	4 45	
S. A. Weaver	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$463 50

Appropriation \$600.

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Ai Bicknell, Janitor, Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904	\$100 00	
Ai Bicknell, extra work	3 00	
Mary P. Bunce, Librarian, Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904	180 00	
Mary P. Bunce, extra work.....	17 35	
Mary P. Bunce, cash paid for express and freight	29 48	
Mary P. Bunce, cash paid for electric supplies	70	
Oscar R. Spalding, 4½ cords wood	18 75	
Library Bureau, supplies	9 95	
Bartlett & Dow, 1 dozen mantles	2 00	
Bartlett & Dow, 1 steel wheelbarrow ...	6 00	
Richardson & Boynton Co., castings	25	
C. H. Wright, 5 cords wood	18 50	
H. H. Mills, sawing wood	5 00	
W. E. Green, sharpening lawn mower ..	1 15	
The Fred Macy Co., cards.....	6 00	
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Amount carried forward	\$398 13	

Amount brought forward.....	\$398 13	
Wright & Fletcher, 29,659 lbs. coal	94 88	
Teaming	9 65	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasolene	15 79	
H. A. Ferguson, labor and stock	43 94	
A. H. Sutherland, labor and stock	85 65	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., burners, etc ..	6 90	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	2 00	
200 lbs. lawn dressing	4 00	
Wright & Fletcher, sundries per bill	2 65	
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DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

W. H. H. Burbeck, delivering and collect- ing books	\$75 00
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PRINTING.

Courier-Citizen Co., list of voters.....	\$ 14 00	
Courier-Citizen Co., 725 copies Town Report	176 25	
Courier-Citizen Co., bill heads, ballots, etc.	25 50	
Courier-Citizen Co., envelopes and tax bills	37 25	
Courier-Citizen Co., stamped envelopes, etc.	13 50	
Courier-Citizen Co., warrants and ballots.	11 50	
Chamberlain & Co., notices, etc.	12 50	
F. A. Frost & Co., library	1 50	
P. B. Murphy, dog licenses	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$293 75

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$50 00
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EXPENSE ENFORCING THE LIQUOR LAW UNDER VOTE
OF THE TOWN, MARCH 16, 1902, WITH
COURT EXPENSES.

Warren H. Atwood, Vinal and Merrill cases	\$10 00	
Edward Fisher, services and expenses ...	68 51	
T. B. Riley, services and expenses	27 50	
S. J. Bigelow, services and expenses	27 50	
John A. Healy, Vinal case	9 55	
John A. Healy, Merrill case	7 03	
John A. Healy, Gardell, Auguste and Vitaline cases	56 00	
John A. Healy, Capporal case	4 26	
John A. Healy, Allard case	14 12	
John A. Healy, Minasian case	6 92	
John A. Healy, Douchy case	8 52	
John A. Healy, Sullivan case	6 54	
S. H. Balch, Vinal case	3 30	
S. H. Balch, Capporal case	12 52	
S. H. Balch, Gardell case	17 46	
S. H. Balch, Bouche case	6 53	
	<hr/>	\$286 26

RECEIVED FROM FINES.

Merrill	\$ 50 00	
Capporal	75 00	
Bouche	75 00	
Allard	75 00	
A. Gardell	75 00	
V. Gardell	75 00	
Sullivan	100 00	
Minasian	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

S. H. Balch, Constable, turned over to the Poor Department, \$41.83
Appropriation \$200. None of the appropriation was used.

OTHER EXPENSES AT FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

Officers' fees on various complaints and attending Court as allowed by law . . .	\$181 49
Received from fines, \$54.76.	

INSURANCE.

Mutual Protection, \$1000, Town House . .	\$13 20
Cambridge Mutual Ins. Co., \$1700, Town House	22 24
Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co., \$2000, Town House	40 00
Holyoke Mutual Ins. Co., \$1500, Town House	19 80
N. H. Ins. Co., \$1250, Town House	37 50
Springfield Ins. Co., \$1250, Town House.	37 50
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	\$170 24

TOWN HOUSE.

Ai Bicknell, Janitor, from Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904	\$96 00
Oscar R. Spalding, 2 cords wood	9 00
A. H. Sutherland, repairs	16 70
Wright & Fletcher, 17,152 lbs. coal	55 85
Teaming	5 15
O. F. Prentiss, 2 stoves	28 75
M. E. Brigham, 2 cords pine wood	4 00
Wright & Fletcher, oil, chimneys, zinc, nails, etc.	26 65
C. H. Miner, repairs	75
J. H. Fletcher, oil, etc.	5 15
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	\$248 00

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory	\$175 00
Rent of building	71 00
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	\$246 00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Sections 18 and 19, Revised Laws.

James A. Graham, Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904	\$96 00	
G. A. Hood, Feb. 1, 1903, to Feb. 1, 1904.	48 00	
S. H. Fletcher, time and expense investigating Soldiers' Relief	5 00	
W. O. Hawkes, time and expense investigating Soldiers' Relief	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$154 00

STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws.

From Jan. 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904	\$671 00
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PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By order	\$199 64
See Commissioner's Report.	

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

The following report on guide posts and guide boards is submitted.

During the past year we have placed new guide boards at the following places, with the name of the street or road as adopted by the town: one near West Graniteville Station; one at the corner of the Concord and Beaver Brook Road; two at the corner of the Graniteville and Coldspring Road, near the house of Quincy W. Day; two at the corner of Depot Street and the Coldspring Road, near the Fletcher farm; two at the corner of Depot Street and Cummings Road, with new post; two at the junction of Depot Street and Main Street, at Drew's Corner;

one at the corner of Leland Street and Providence Road, near the house of O. A. Davis; one at the corner of Plain Road and Stony Brook Road. When guide boards need renewing each year the name of the street or road should be put on.

The following expense has occurred:

J. A. Walkden, 12 guide boards	\$ 6 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor	2 00	
Joe Wall, painting and lettering guide boards	21 69	
S. H. Fletcher, time and expense	5 00	
W. O. Hawkes, time and expense	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$37 69

REPAIR OF BRIDGE OVER STONY BROOK NEAR WESTFORD STATION.

George C. Moore, as per contract	\$200 00
Appropriation, \$200,00.	

FOREST FIRES AND OTHER FIRES.

The following fires have occurred during the past year and estimated damage by the Forest Fire Wards.

1903.	Names of Land Owners.	No. of Acres.	Damage.
May 10—	Spalding lot near Oak Hill ..	5	\$ 75 00
12—	H. E. Fletcher and others, Oak Hill	75	750 00
12—	Heirs of Noah Prescott, Heirs of Daniel Gage, James Bennett Carkin and Merrill, Oak Hill, ..	104	700 00
16—	Heirs of Samuel Fletcher, Graniteville	1	6 00
	Heirs of Samuel Fletcher, 1½ acres wood		4 00
22—	John A. Healy, Graniteville ...	3	10 00
	Amount carried forward	188	\$1,545 00

1903.	Names of Land Owners.	No. of Acres.	Damage.
	Amount brought forward	188	\$1,545 00
May 23—	J. Henry Fletcher, Westford Station	4	50 00
23—	H. E. Fletcher & Co., Mrs. A. Butterfield, Oak Hill	20	100 00
26—	George W. Heywood and others Oak Hill	125	1,250 00
30—	George Proctor, near Littleton line	2	20 00
		<hr/> 339	<hr/> \$2,865 00

FIRES — DWELLING HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

1903.

- August 12—Dwelling of Grace Fisher at Brookside. Cause of fire, sparks from burning soot in chimney. Damage \$20. Paid by insurance company.
- October 3—Barn of Luther Lawton. Damage \$300. Paid by insurance company. Cause of fire unknown.

1904.

- January 26—School house at Graniteville. Cause of fire, overheated flue from furnace. Damage \$163. Paid by insurance company.

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE HAS OCCURRED.

John A. Healy, Fire Ward, expenses on several fires	\$ 29 00
John A. Healy, expense on Fletcher fire..	2 50
John A. Healy, expense Carmichael fire ..	1 20
John A. Healy, expense near H. O. Keyes fire	10 75
John A. Healy, expense Proctor fire	16 05
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Amount carried forward	\$59 50

Amount brought forward	\$ 59 50	
John A. Healy, expense Heywood and Oak Hill fires	170 36	
C. H. Carkin, Oak Hill fire	4 60	
W. T. Patch, Oak Hill fire	1 00	
I. G. Hall, Oak Hill fire	2 40	
F. P. Webster, Oak Hill fire	1 40	
R. Salls, Oak Hill fire	2 40	
Winston & Co. & Locher, Oak Hill fire ..	51 88	
J. Marinell and others, Oak Hill fire	12 00	
P. A. Carkin, Oak Hill fire	21 80	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., Oak Hill fire	14 20	
W. F. Prescott, Oak Hill fire	5 00	
Heywood & Burbeck, Oak Hill fire	5 00	
Alvan Fisher, services Forest Fire Ward, 1901-2	10 00	
George W. Heywood, services Forest Fire Ward	5 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, services Forest Fire Ward	5 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, cash paid for help ..	2 20	
		<hr/> \$373 74

The yearly loss and expense of forest fires is getting to be an item of considerable amount. During the past 10 years, 1,582 acres have been burned over, at an estimated damage of \$12,503, and a cost to the town for labor fighting fires of \$1,331.37. Here are the plain facts which every tax payer and property holder should think of and endeavor to do all they can to prevent this yearly loss and expense.

It is almost impossible, outside of the steam railroads, to detect those who are instrumental in starting these fires, and the owners of wood land are helpless in preventing them. Irresponsible persons either hunting, fishing or strolling through wood lots are generally responsible for them.

These fires not only injure the standing wood but they practically injure the land for years to come, as they leave it so barren that it is nearly worthless. Stern measures should be

taken, if possible, to arrest and punish those who through their carelessness cause this uncalled for waste of property. Land owners have the right to post notices forbidding trespassing on their property, and the town should offer a reward for the arrest and conviction of parties setting these fires.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	\$ 68 41
Postage for mailing Town Reports	19 80
B. & M. R. R., freight	4 17
Good Roads Mach. Co., casting for road machine	18 10
A. H. Sutherland, labor on house for road men	15 60
F. D. Cook Lumber Co., lumber for house for road men	52 69
A. J. Hayward, 1 stove	2 00
Estate Oren Cooledge, storage for road machine to April 1	2 00
H. M. Weeks Pub. Co., 1 record book for Town Clerk	2 50
J. E. Knight, repair of carts	5 75
Eastern Clay Goods Co., drain pipe ...	215 16
C. H. Miner, blacksmithing	12 55
M. W. Judkins, blacksmithing	12 00
Nelson L. Tuttle, 3 drags	18 00
Abatement tax J. Allard Estate	7 13
Eastern Clay Goods Co., tile drain	9 75
G. H. Philbrick, repair of plough	50
J. A. Walkden, 1 neck yoke	1 50
J. A. Walkden, 1 two-horse sled	45 00
O. R. Spalding, lumber	3 52
Copy of Bank and Corporation Tax	1 00
Dr. J. N. Murray, attending horses	4 00
One sewer grate	8 10
Amount carried forward	\$329 23

Amount brought forward	\$329 23
C. E. Whidden, express	11 22
John A. Healy, blacksmithing	3 00
Postage for Town Officers	9 98
One police badge	1 00
Food for election officers	4 09
John Feeney, repair of harnesses	16 50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., use of telephone for Town Officers	48 60
One record book	75
Two feed bags	2 25
Tools, cement, lanterns, oil, paint, for Road Department	27 44
J. A. Healy, rent of hall for election and Registrars' meeting	4 00
J. A. Healy, grain for Jan., Feb., Mar., 1903	35 75
N. B. Blood, 5,140 lbs. hay	41 12
Emerson & Co., grain, Dec., 1903	18 63
Emerson & Co., grain Jan., 1904	18 70
Wright & Fletcher, sundries as per bill ...	9 49
	<hr/> \$781.75

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The past year was an exceptional one for working on the highways, the length of the season giving some two months more than is usually reckoned on in making allowance of the appropriation.

Believing it was good policy to keep the men and teams at work, we have overrun the appropriation a few hundred dollars, a part of the Forge Village Road and the Cold Spring Road, outside of the general repairs, have been practically rebuilt and regraded, and with proper care in the future ought to last for many years.

In accordance with the Revised Laws, Benjamin F. Day was appointed Superintendent of Streets. The bills show what months they were paid, but not in all cases the months the work or expense occurred. Appropriation, \$4,000.

MARCH.

J. H. O'Brien, labor	\$ 1 50	
A. Gardell, labor	11 19	
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APRIL.

B. F. Day, 1,940 lbs. hay	\$15 52	
L. Tancerell, labor	9 00	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	60 00	
Peter Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
David Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
Isaac Milot, labor	3 00	
Fred Tousignaunt, labor	27 00	
Oscar Milot, labor	33 00	
M. Decoteau, labor	31 50	
Albert Martin, labor	31 50	
Jos. Labreque, labor	27 38	
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MAY.

A. Martin, labor	\$ 35 25	
Jos. Labreque, labor	39 00	
H. W. Tarbell, labor	1,177 90	
A. Gignae, labor	19 50	
M. Decoteau, labor	33 75	
P. Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
F. Tousignaunt, labor	36 00	
D. Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
O. Milot, labor	33 75	
Estate Oren Cooledge, bedding	4 27	
B. F. Day, Sperintendent	45 00	
Team	60 20	
	<hr/>	\$1580 62

JUNE.

F. Tousignaunt, labor	\$ 44 25	
D. Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
O. Milot, labor	20 25	
Jos. Toupin, labor	19 50	
P. Riceton, labor	24 00	
Albert Martin, labor	14 25	
M. Decoteau, labor	18 00	
A. Gignae, labor	12 75	
N. B. Blood, 5,540 lbs. hay	44 32	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	57 50	
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		\$347 82

JULY.

J. A. Healy, grain, May and June	\$48 70	
O. Milot, labor	38 25	
A. A. Lunberg, labor	5 25	
P. Tousignaunt, labor	12 00	
F. Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
D. Tousignaunt, labor	47 05	
P. Britton, labor	38 25	
Jos. Toupin, labor	38 25	
E. Hanning, labor	5 55	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	65 00	
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		\$391 30

AUGUST.

M. F. Downs, labor	\$40 50	
I. G. Hall, labor	28 00	
H. W. Tarbell, labor	27 90	
U. Pelleum, labor	6 00	
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Amount carried forward	\$102 40	

Amount brought forward	\$102 40	
E. Hannon, labor	48 00	
F. Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
D. Tousignaunt, labor	30 00	
Jos. Toupin, labor	30 00	
P. Britton, labor	30 75	
O. Milot, labor	31 50	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	57 50	
	<hr/>	\$423 15

SEPTEMBER.

E. Hannon, labor	\$ 48 00	
P. Britton, labor	36 00	
D. Tousignaunt, labor	40 15	
F. Tousignaunt, labor	29 52	
Jos. Toupin, labor	37 50	
H. Poisson, labor	4 50	
A. Janey, labor	5 00	
O. Milot, labor	37 50	
M. F. Downs, labor	61 50	
U. Pelleum, labor	30 00	
C. H. Bicknell, labor	32 00	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	63 75	
	<hr/>	\$470 42

OCTOBER.

M. F. Downs, labor	\$56 50	
H. Poisson, labor	37 50	
A. McDonald, labor	18 00	
E. Hannon, labor	48 00	
D. Tousignaunt, labor	48 00	
O. Milot, labor	37 50	
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Amount carried forward	\$245 50	

Amount brought forward	\$245 50	
A. Janey, labor	36 75	
Jos. Toupin, labor	37 50	
C. H. Bicknell, labor	8 00	
J. W. O'Brien, labor	12 00	
Emerson & Co., grain	26 35	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	62 50	
	<hr/>	\$473 60

NOVEMBER.

I. L. Hall, labor	\$ 3 75	
H. Ledue, labor	22 60	
H. Poisson, labor	33 00	
O. Milot, labor	33 75	
A. Janey, labor	31 50	
E. Hannon, labor	48 00	
I. G. Hall, labor	6 50	
Jos. Toupin, labor	33 75	
Emerson & Co., grain	16 56	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	45 00	
Team	55 00	
J. A. Healy, grain, July and August	44 85	
	<hr/>	\$374 26

DECEMBER.

E. Hannon, labor	\$42 46	
Jos. Toupin, labor	27 75	
O. Milot, labor	29 25	
B. F. Day, Superintendent	27 75	
Team	46 25	
Gravel	7 25	
	<hr/>	\$180 71

JANUARY.

W. H. H. Burbeck, labor.....	\$13 00	
S. L. Taylor, gravel	5 45	
C. E. Walker, gravel.....	9 85	
A. Bunce, gravel	4 90	
J. W. Blodgett, labor	8 65	
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		\$41 85
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		\$4675 32

Schedule of property belonging to the town for use of Road Department: 2 horses, 1 set of heavy harnesses, 2 carts, 1 sled, 4 whiffletrees and chains, 2 spread chains, 4 horse collars, 1 wrench, 1 wagon jack, 2 heavy chains, 1 stone lifter, 1 pair hand splices, 5 rakes, 6 shovels, 1 manure fork, 4 stone forks, 3 plows, 10 blasting drills, 1 drill spoon, 6 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 1 bush snath, 2 bush scythes, 1 ax, 1 trimming saw, 2 halters, 5 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 3 large hoes, 2 small hoes, 6 picks, 6 iron bars, 1 pinch bar, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 2 stone hammers, 1 currycomb, 1 brush, 2 stable blankets, 2 street blankets, 3 stone drags, 2 yokes, 1 road scraper, 2 gravel screens, 4 mattocks, 1 pail, 1 post rammer, 1 post spoon, 1 post hole digger, lot of sewer pipe, 2 feed bags, 1 trowel, 1 paving hammer, 1 grab hook, 3 pick handles, 1500 lbs. hay, $\frac{1}{2}$ barrel Portland cement.

BREAKING ROADS.

S. W. Kimball.....	\$12 30	
J. M. O'Brien	8 00	
H. E. Gould	4 20	
C. R. Decatur	2 25	
W. C. Edwards, with repairs.....	15 60	
W. W. Johnson	18 10	
H. V. Hildreth, with repairs.....	12 05	
Wm. Crompton	70	
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		\$73 20

LOWELL AND FITCHBURG STREET RAILWAY CO.

The original route and franchise which was approved and granted by the Selectmen not having the approval of the Railroad Commissioners the railway company petitioned for a new route. A public hearing was held in May, and the Selectmen granted a new franchise over the route as petitioned for, which was approved by the Railroad Commissioners and accepted by the Company. A copy of the franchise will be found under the Town Clerk's report.

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE HAS OCCURRED.

N. M. Wood, stenographic report of hearing	\$21 25	
S. H. Fletcher, attending hearings and appearing before Railroad Commissioners and Legislative Committee ..	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$31 25

ESTIMATES FOR 1904-1905.

In making these estimates for the amount of money asked for, to be raised or appropriated at the annual meeting, we have placed under the head of each department the amount that is asked for by that department.

SELECTMEN.

Highways	\$4000 00	
Town debts and charges	3000 00	
	<hr/>	\$7000 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Support of poor	\$1000 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools	\$6000 00	
Tuition of High School scholars	1500 00	
Text books and supplies for schools	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$8100 00

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Books	\$150 00	
Two new steel book stacks	396 00	
	<hr/>	\$546 00

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Public burial grounds	\$200 00	
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Total number of orders, 342.

Total amount of orders, \$14,158.89.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,

Selectmen of Westford.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following names will be reported at the annual meeting in March, to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision by the town.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Augustine W. Carkin,	Quarry Man.
Ernest H. Dane,	Painter.
Quincy W. Day,	Farmer.
Asa B. M. Eastman,	Farmer.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
John M. Fletcher,	Merchant.
Edwin E. Heywood,	Farmer.
Frank H. Hildreth,	Farmer.
George E. Jenkins,	Farmer.
George A. Kimball,	Farmer.
Joseph E. Knight,	Wheelwright.
Henry J. Murphy,	Farmer.
Elmer E. Nutting,	Machinist.
Charles E. Osgood,	Carpenter.
Judson A. Parsons,	Farmer.
Nathan Prescott,	Painter.
Nelson L. Prescott,	Farmer.
Amos B. Polley,	Farmer.
Homer M. Seavey,	Farmer.
Charles M. Trull,	Clerk.
Almon S. Vose,	Farmer.
Joseph Wall,	Painter.
Walter A. Whidden,	Farmer.
John Wilson,	Farmer.
J. Everett Woods,	Farmer.
Alfred Woodbury,	Farmer.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,

Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, February 23, 1904.

Board of Health

The Selectmen, acting as the Board of Health, appointed Wesley O. Hawkes and W. H. H. Burbeck as agents of the board.

During the past year the town has been fortunate in not having any serious contagious diseases, although during the early spring months quite an epidemic of measles prevailed, but in most cases in a mild form. A few cases of typhoid fever were reported. The report on the small pox cases was published in last year's report, and a few bills were paid this year that could not be settled at the time the report was published. The number of cases will be found in the table below, which covers the calendar year and not the financial year. The amount received from the State on account of the small pox cases was \$930.

The State Board of Health, during the past year, has taken many samples of well water that is used for domestic purposes, and this report shows but a few that are fit for domestic use. The question of a water supply is a serious one and needs a careful investigation.

CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE YEAR 1903.

Small pox	5
Diphtheria	1
Measles	40
Typhoid fever	5
Scarlet fever	3

EXPENSES.

Formaldehyde	\$ 6 45	
C. H. Goldthwaite & Co., supplies	43 45	
Abbot Worsted Co., rent of Pest House and repairs	93 55	
Oliver Byron, goods destroyed	8 40	
W. H. H. Burbeck, agent	20 00	
Wesley O. Hawkes, agent	25 00	
S. H. Fletcher, services and expenses to Boston on State cases	20 00	
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SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,

Board of Health.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

For Milk.....	\$934 36
Wood	143 50
Thomas Carney, board	108 00
John P. Green, board.....	108 00
Hay	87 84
Cows	44 00
Rent	48 00
Potatoes	20 95
Calves	12 50
Pork	17 08
Labor	11 25
Keeping prisoners	13 50
Vinegar	10 45
Beans	7 10
Use of bull	5 00
Eggs	5 05
Apples	1 00
Cranberries.....	1 50
Overseers of Poor, goods furnished	
Mrs. Louisa Leland.....	41 96
S. H. Balch, as Constable	109 96
S. H. Balch, on account insane	23 35
S. H. Balch, as Fire Ward.....	3 00
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$1757 35
Balance on hand, Feb. 12, 1903	16 03
Drawn from Town Treasury	800 00
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TOWN FARM PAYMENTS.

Paid for S. H. Balch, salary from Jan. 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904	\$450 00
Mrs. S. H. Balch, salary as Matron from Jan. 1, 1903, to Jan. 1, 1904.....	100 00
Groceries.....	366 39
Grain.....	319 45
Labor	426 22
Cows	140 00
Meat	143 79
Butter	76 82
Coal	76 44
Fish	19 41
Phosphate	14 50
Clothing for inmates.....	16 74
Dry Goods	20 71
Tobacco	10 75
Rope for horse hay fork	10 80
Horse rake	20 50
Survey of Farm.....	13 50
10 stone bounds	4 00
Manure	18 00
Standing grass	15 00
Medical supplies	19 10
Cutting wood	34 60
Sulkey plow	44 90
Funeral expense of J. D. Wilkin- son.....	22 50
Harness work.....	10 40
Blacksmith and wheelwright work	21 23
Ice	9 70
Mowing machine repairs	4 15
Car fares	5 94

Amount carried forward \$2,435 54

Amount brought forward	\$2,435 54	
Wringer	4 00	
J. D. Draper, M. D.	3 25	
Lowell Journal.....	1 50	
Killing hogs	2 00	
Goods bought at auction	10 80	
Horse cover	3 00	
Tinware	4 85	
Pump for Wilkinson house	5 13	
Lumber.....	2 63	
Drag	2 50	
Sundries	9 40	
Seed corn	5 78	
S. H. Balch, expense to State Farm	1 30	
S. H. Balch, on account insane..	7 50	
S. H. Balch, as Constable	68 13	
	<hr/>	\$2567 31
Cash on hand, Feb. 3, 1904.....		6 07
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		\$2573 38
Balance on hand, Feb. 12, 1903	\$ 16 03	
Drawn from Town Treasurer	800 00	
	<hr/>	\$816 03
Balance on hand, Feb. 3, 1904		6 07
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Net expense at Farm		\$809 96

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid Hospital bills of Reed, Drew, Whit- comb, Quinn, Whitney and Davie	\$728 08
City of Worcester, aid to Geo. H. Whitney	54 00
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Amount carried forward :	\$ 782 08

Amount brought forward		\$782 08
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid to Mrs. Houle		10 00
J. A. Healy, burial of John J. Houle		10 00
J. A. Healy, aid to Mrs. Leland	\$15 00	
Hartwell & Hosmer, aid to Mrs. Leland	4 18	
Henry Bemis, aid to Mrs. Leland ..	1 68	
Wright & Bemis, aid to Mrs. Leland ..	45 86	
Town Farm, aid to Mrs. Leland ...	41 96	
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City of Lowell, aid to Margaret Casey		27 50
J. H. Fletcher, aid to Herbert Mills	\$ 6 00	
Wright & Fletcher, aid to Herbert Mills	10 00	
	<hr/>	16 00
Henry J. Healy, aid to Mrs. Britton		4 72
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid to Mrs. Annie Harrap	\$45 50	
J. H. Knowles, aid to Mrs. Annie Harrap	2 03	
	<hr/>	47 53
J. H. Knowles, aid to Charles Johnson family	\$ 2 00	
H. B. Hall, aid to Charles Johnson family	12 00	
	<hr/>	14 00
City of Cambridge, aid to Mrs. Charles Hall		1 50
C. R. DeCatur, extra time and expense as Overseer		3 00
C. R. DeCatur, salary as Overseer ..		10 00
A. H. Burnham, salary as Overseer ..		10 00
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Amount carried forward		\$1,045 01

Amount brought forward		\$1,045 01
L. W. Wheeler, salary as Overseer...	\$10 00	
L. W. Wheeler, making report to town	5 00	
L. W. Wheeler, extra time and expense	5 00	
L. W. Wheeler, making report to State	5 00	
	<hr/>	25 00
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		\$1070 01

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from Thomas V. Quinn, for board of wife	\$133 50
State	40 75
Town of Chelmsford ...	39 00
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	\$213 25
Payments on account of outdoor poor ..	\$1070 01
Reimbursements	213 25
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Net expense of outdoor poor.....	\$ 856 76

STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1870 01	
Cash in hands Master of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1903	16 03	
Cash income of Farm	1757 35	
	<hr/>	\$3643 39
Expense of outdoor poor	\$1070 01	
Payments at Farm	2567 31	
Cash in hands Master of Almshouse, Feb. 1, 1904	6 07	
	<hr/>	\$3643 39

Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1870 01	
Reimbursements	213 25	
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Net draft from Town Treasurer		\$1656 76
Net expense at Farm	\$809 96	
Net expense of outdoor poor	856 76	
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Total expense of poor		\$1666 72

PERSONS SUPPORTED AT TOWN FARM.

	Age	Admitted	Discharged
John P. Green	76	Dec. 21, 1839	
Thomas Carney	About 93	Jan. 31, 1877	
True A. Bean	81	Apr. 26, 1901	
Caroline A. Perham	80	Jan. 23, 1894	
Varnum T. Fletcher	61	Mar. 28, 1901	
Mary E. Cowdry	45	Feb. 24, 1900	
Elizabeth Lord	37	Oct. 22, 1891	
Ellen McCarty	About 70	Oct. 16, 1902	Dec. 1, 1903
Louisa A. Leland	83	Dec. 25, 1903	

Number of tramps lodged and fed, 469.

L. W. WHEELER,
C. R. DECATUR,
A. H. BURNHAM,
Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,
FEBRUARY, 6, 1904.

Groceries	\$ 23 04	
Vegetables	61 00	
Fruit	6 80	
300 lbs. pork and hams	30 00	
7 bush. beans	17 50	
Vinegar stock and casks	35 00	
Balance personal property at house	766 64	
	<hr/>	\$939 98
12 cows and 1 bull	\$495 00	
2 horses	300 00	
23 hens	13 80	
18 tons English hay	324 00	
8 tons stock hay	96 00	
12 tons ensilage	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$1288 80
1 two horse dump cart	\$50 00	
1 two horse sled	25 00	
2 hay and farm wagons	100 00	
1 Democrat wagon	50 00	
Wheel and spring tooth harrow	18 00	
Horse rake and tedder	44 00	
Double and single sleigh	22 00	
1 horse power and saw	74 00	
1 ensilage cutter	8 00	
1 hay fork and gear	28 00	
1 double and single harness	50 00	
22½ cords wood	85 00	
5 tons coal	35 00	
Balance in barn and outbuildings	250 65	
	<hr/>	\$839 65
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		\$3067 43

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
H. R. REED,
E. H. FLAGG,

Appraisers.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:—

To cash on hand	\$ 3,776 80
To cash borrowed	10,000 00
From State corporation tax	7,138 42
State bank tax	542 71
Soldiers' families	650 00
Indigent soldiers	7 50
Income Mass. school fund	779 86
Armory rent	175 60
Burial indigent soldiers	35 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses	305 28
Ai Bicknell, janitor Town Hall.....	71 00
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1900	41 08
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1901	86 42
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1902	139 64
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1900, interest.. . . .	1 96
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1901, interest	6 73
A. L. Prior, collector tax 1902, interest	1 86
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	400 42
State, on account Supt. of Schools	625 00
Thos. V. Quinn, bond of wife	123 75
Income Library Fund	91 60
W. H. H. Burbeck, sealer weights and measures.....	24 44
Westford Academy, on account music teacher.	25 00
Amount carried forward	\$25,049 47

Amount brought forward	\$25,049 47
State Treasurer, on account paupers	40 75
State Treasurer, expense contagious diseases..	930 00
State Board of Charity, education children ...	17 50
W. J. Sleeper, drain pipe	5 28
B. & M. R. R. Co., on account fire.....	25 00
Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2 00
Town of Chelmsford, on account paupers	39 00
Wright & Fletcher, labor.....	4 50
State Treasurer, inspection animals.....	50 00
L. J. Marden, wood alcohol.....	20
H. M. Seavey, school supplies sold	2 38
Joe Wall, auctioneer's license	2 00
Issac M. Parlmar, license No. 509	8 00
G. E. Carver, wood alcohol.....	20
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1903 before Oct.1.	15,816 78
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1903 before Dec. 1	940 34
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1903 after Dec. 1..	1,344 90
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1899	3 37
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1900	7 68
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1901.....	606 86
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1902....	988 54
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1899, interest ...	83
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1900, interest ...	4 00
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1901, interest ...	69 79
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1902, interest ...	54 68
L. W. Wheeler, collector tax 1903, interest ...	5 44
L. W. Wheeler, collector balance tax and interest Jackson and Kirby.....	8 50
Trustees Westford Academy, land.	1 00
John Cornell, slaughter-house license	1 00
Alec. Fisher, slaughter-house license	1 00
Boston Insurance Co., loss Graniteville School	163 00
Joe Wall, guard house	15 00
City Gloucester, account paupers.....	17 00
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	\$46,225 99

PAYMENTS.

By notes and interest	\$12,019 00
State tax	1,275 00
County tax.....	1,670 15
Orders, incidental expenses	14,158 89
On account of schools	7,250 05
On account tuition, Academy.....	1,500 00
On account Library	757 12
Cash on hand.....	7,595 78
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	\$46,225 99

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,
Treasurer of Westford.

Auditor's Report.

The Board of Selectmen of Westford:—

DEAR SIRS:—I have made the usual examination of the town's accounts for the year ending February 29, 1904, and beg to report that I have found the several cash books and ledgers to have been correctly footed, and disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. I submit herewith abstract of accounts examined.

TAXES.

Debited Collector L. W. Wheeler for the years 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902, being balances for these years, uncollected on August 29 last, to the debit of Collector A. L. Prior, resigned.

Year.	Balance to Collect Aug. 29, 1903.	Past due interest collected and taxes added by Assessors.	Totals.	Payment to credit of same including abatements, etc.	Balance to collect Feb. 27, 1904.
1899	\$ 5 37	\$ 83	\$ 6 20	\$ 6 20	
1900	11 98	5 72	17 70	17 70	
1901	719 72	72 12	791 84	715 55	\$ 76 29
1902	1,375 81	69 00	1,444 81	1,244 24	200 57

TO DEBIT OF L. W. WHEELER FOR YEAR 1903.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessor's warrant as follows:

Real Estate	\$14,089 05
Personal Estate.....	4,492 18
Polls 682	1,364 00

\$19,945 23

Additions since, as per Assessor's notices 61 00

Past due interest on taxes collected after

January 1, 1904..... 5 44

\$20,011 67

By net collections to Oct. 1, 1903.....	\$15,812 88	
5 per cent. discount on assessed value of same (16,645.14)	832 26	
Collected without dis- count.....	3 90	
	<hr/>	\$16,649 04

Net collections for Oct. and Nov., 1903.....	\$939 58	
3 per cent. discount on assessed value of same (968.64)	29 06	
Collected without discount	76	
	<hr/>	\$969 40

Net collections from Dec. 1, 1903, to Mar. 1, 1904.....	\$1,344 90	
Past due interest on taxes paid after Jan. 1, 1904	5 44	
Abatements for year as per Assessor's notices	81 26	
	<hr/>	\$1,431 60

		\$19,050 04
Balance to collect to debit of collector Mar. 1, 1904.....	961 63	
	<hr/>	\$20,011 67

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year licenses for		
142 male dogs at \$2.00	\$284 00	
13 female dogs at \$5.00	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$349 00
Less Clerk's fees for 155 licenses at 20c. each.....		
		31 00
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and receipted for by him.....		\$318 00

SELECTMEN.

342 orders were drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasurer during the year, amounting altogether to \$14,158.89, for each and all of which proper vouchers are on file.

MASTER OF ALMSHOUSE.

To balance cash on hand from year 1902 .	\$ 16 03	
Receipts from all sources during year .	2,557 35	
	<hr/>	\$2,573 38
By expenditures for the year to Feb. 1,		
1904.....	\$2,567 31	
Balance cash on hand	6 07	
	<hr/>	\$2,573 38

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

L. W. Wheeler, - - - Chairman.

To amount received from Town Treas- urer for year to Feb. 1, 1904	\$1,870 01
By disbursements for year to Feb. 1, 1904.	1,870 01

LIBRARY.

N. H. Wright, Treasurer.

To cash on hand March 1, 1903	\$259 43	
Receipts from various sources during year	546 88	
	<hr/>	\$806 31
By expenditures for year to Mar. 1, 1904 .	\$757 12	
Cash on hand Mar. 1, 1904	49 19	
	<hr/>	\$806 31

TREASURER.

To cash on hand Mar. 1, 1903	\$ 3,776 80	
Receipts from all sources during year .	42,449 19	
	<hr/>	\$46,225 99
By total payments for year to Mar. 1, 1904.....	\$38,630 21	
Cash on hand March 1, 1904.....	7,595 78	
	<hr/>	\$46,225 99

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on Library loan of \$5,000	\$1,500 00	
5 months interest on same at 4 %.....	25 00	
Due State Treasurer on loan for general expenses of town.....	9,000 00	
5 months interest on same at 3 1-5 %...	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,645 00

ASSETS.

Uncollected taxes for year 1901, \$73.96		
+ \$2.33	\$	76 29
Uncollected taxes for year 1902		198 62
Uncollected taxes for year 1903		961 63
Due from State Aid (Soldiers' families)...		671 00
Balance cash in hands of Master of Alms- house.....		6 07
Balance cash in hands of Treasurer		7,595 78
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		\$9,509 39
Deficit March 1, 1904		1,135 61
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		\$10,645 00
Deficit March 1, 1903		\$5,278 41

H. F. LEITH,
Auditor.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit the following report:

The gifts to the Library during the past year have been numerous, and many of them are of much interest and value. The books, pamphlets and magazines from individual donors are welcome additions to various classes, some of them being finely bound, others old and long out of print. Especial mention should be made of the carved oak library chairs, the elegant Doultlen vase, the large marble medallion by Margaret F. Foley, and the long list of rare and antique articles given by Mr. E. M. Raymond; and the large album of photographs of Egyptian scenery and antiquities, and the book describing them, given by Mr. Abiel J. Abbot. In behalf of the town, the Trustees gratefully thank all the donors for their valuable gifts and their generous interest in the Library.

The iron pipes conducting the water down from the roof on the front of the Library were most unwisely put between the outer and the inner walls. As these pipes were placed nearly horizontal below the eaves, and had several bends and angles farther down, they got clogged up and were burst when the water froze in them. The bricks in the outer wall were then water-soaked in storms, and began to show discoloring and injury from freezing and thawing. We therefore had to stop up the old pipes and take the water down from the eave gutters by conductors on the outside.

Several years ago we began to make shelf room for new books by removing government reports and public documents to the basement and the attic over the stack room, where hard pine shelves have lately been made for them. In later years

state documents and reports which are rarely called for have been placed on the top of the stacks. The shelves are now filled with the books which are used and must be at hand when called for, the tops of stacks are covered with those seldom wanted, and all of the unused volumes are in the attic and the basement. It is now necessary to put in two more steel stacks of the same shape and size as those already in the stack room. The Snead & Co. Iron Works offer to put them in for \$396, and we recommend that this sum be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

The teachers and pupils of the public schools make increasing use of the Library in carrying on the school work in geography, history, science and literature. The young people of the town are thus acquiring broader and better scholarship and forming valuable habits of investigation.

The card catalogue and the printed sections have been used by the librarian and the people of the town during the past year, and, so far as we know, with universal satisfaction. The classification of books proves to be accurate and helpful, the designation of volumes clear, and the work of investigation greatly simplified. It is gratifying to know that the expense and the great labor of bringing out the new catalogue have produced satisfactory results.

The old-fashioned hand loom given to the Library some years ago by Mrs. Reuben Butterfield has been set up in one of the rooms in the basement. It is a curious and interesting relic and reminder of the earlier days when the homes were the factories, and before the piano had drowned out the music of the shuttle and the spinning wheel.

The Librarian's report shows that the circulation of books during the past year has been large, and that 21.6 per cent. of it has been from other classes than that of fiction. We believe that this percentage of solid reading is larger than that of most libraries. It should be remembered that no record is, or can be, kept of the great amount of reading and research done in the reference room and in the reading room. There are very few homes in our town to which the Libary does not supply both instruction and entertainment.

The number of books conveyed by Mr. Burbeck to Graniteville and Forge Village is 3225; to Brookside, 504.

We recommend that the sum of \$150 be raised and appropriated, in addition to the sum received for dog licenses in 1905, for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year.

WILLIAM E. FROST,
CATHARINE A. KEBLER,
JOSEPH R. DRAPER,
Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

 RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1903	\$259 43
Appropriation for 1903	150 00
Dog licenses	305 28
City Institution Savings Bank, div.	40 00
Merrimack River Savings Bank, div.	4 60
Bigelow Carpet Co., div.	35 00
National Bank of Redemption, div.	12 00
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	\$806 31

EXPENDITURES.

Willard Small, books	\$511 82
D. Farquhar, binding	85 65
Kenyon News & Postal Subscription Co., magazines	46 25
Dodd, Mead & Co., bal. on encyclopedia	38 40
Rev. W. G. Poor, books	17 00
Dalch Bros. & Co. and others, subscription books..	15 70
S. H. Fletcher, books	6 00
Essex Pub. Co., books	5 00
F. H. Rinchener & Co., books	5 00
F. S. Blanchard & Co., books	3 00
Funk & Wagnalls Co., books	3 30
Publishers' Weekly	5 00
Library Art Club	5 00
Cumulative Index Co.	5 00
Am. Acad. of Social and Political Science	5 00
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	\$757 12
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Balance	49 19

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Cash on hand from last year	\$ 04
Fines	6 25
Sale of catalogues	20
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	\$6 49
Paid for supplies	6 40
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Balance	\$ 09
Number of volumes purchased	433
Number of volumes presented	42
Public documents received from the state	7
Public documents received from the United States..	15
Magazines bound	63
Whole number of volumes added during the year...	560
Number of volumes lost	3
Number of volumes discarded	0
Whole number of volumes in the library.....	12,444
Number of pamphlets added	85
Circulation of fiction	10,364
Circulation of all other classes	2,865
Entire circulation	13,229

MAGAZINES SUBSCRIBED FOR.

Harper's, Century, Scribner's Forum, North American Review, Atlantic, Bookman, Popular Science Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Littell's Living Age, McClure, St. Nicholas, Munsey, New England, Birds and Nature. Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Weekly, Success, The Annals and Cumulative Index to Periodicals.

EXHIBITS OF PICTURES FROM THE LIBRARY
ART CLUB.

Prang Platinettes, India, York, Orvieto, Australia, Venice, Perugia. American Sculpture, English Lakes and Paris.

GIFTS IN 1903.

E. M. Raymond, Charlestown, Mass.:

2 large carved oak library chairs.

Japanese hanging of silk embroidery.

1 large illustrated quarto volume, Boston, Past and Present.

1 volume, Confucius.

1 volume, Trip of the Ancients.

Egyptian headstone and footstone.

Zulu mantle and rattle.

Italian chair upholstered in Cordova leather.

Doulten vase.

Marble medallion by Margaret F. Foley, Rome, 1866.

Japanese artificial flowers.

Piece of U. S. S. Olympia.

Collection of historic shells and bullets.

Cannon ball, Copp's Hill, 1775.

Petition to Legislature, Autographs of Capitalists, N. Y.,
1885.

Piece of cable from mine at Manila Bay.

Ornamental design in iron work, Rome.

4 pieces of Persian embroidery.

Curious ornamental work, Rome.

3 pieces iridescent glass, Syria.

Egyptian beads, 600 B. C.

3 bronze Roman arrow heads.

10 Roman coins, 180 A. D.

String of Phoenician omen beads.

2 Cufic glass coins, 800 A. D., Damascus.

2 silver coins, Ptolemy VI, 181-146 B. C.

Aztec idol of terra cotta, Mexico.

Mrs. Lucy A. Kebler, Cambridge, portrait of Rev. Abiel Abbot.
D. D.

A. J. Abbot, album of Egyptian views and one volume.

T. W. Balch, Philadelphia, one volume.

D. Farquhar, Cambridge, one volume.

Barnard Memorial Boston, one volume.

C. L. Hildreth, one volume.

American Academy of Political and Social Science, two volumes
Harper and Bros., one volume.

A. E. Pillsbury, Boston, one volume.

A friend, one volume.

H. S. Nourse, S. Lancaster, one volume.

Mrs. E. S. Abbot, five volumes.

A friend, three volumes.

New England Historical Genealogical Society, seven volumes.

Systematic History Fund, ten volumes.

National Sound Money League, one volume.

Rev. John C. Kimball, Sharon, one volume.

A friend, 28 volumes of magazines.

Mrs. Hiram Whitney, four volumes of Rhodora.

Miss Emily F. Fletcher, two pamphlets.

Mrs. G. T. Day, one pamphlet.

Education Dept., Toronto, Ont., seven pamphlets.

J. M. Fletcher, one newspaper, 1858; one pamphlet.

Dr. J. L. Hildreth, Cambridge, one pamphlet.

CURRENT MAGAZINES GIVEN FOR READING TABLE.

Outlook, Delineator, Ladies' Home Journal, New Voice,
Union Signal, Rhodora, Engineer.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners report as follows:—

The lots placed under perpetual care steadily increase in number from year to year—seven having been so placed since the last report—making the whole number thirty-one.

In the sudden death of Mr. A. P. Richardson we mourn his loss as a friend, and also in his official capacity as Undertaker, Superintendent of Burials and of Fairview Cemetery. His thoughtfulness and tender care in time of mourning will long be remembered in many households.

The Commissioners were fortunate to retain the services of Mr. C. N. Richardson, who had been his brother's assistant at Fairview—and the work has been done under his supervision in a perfectly satisfactory manner. Mrs. Alma Richardson has attended to the other duties connected with the office of Superintendent at the cemetery, and we are pleased to report that no change will have to be made there the ensuing year.

The subject of placing at the entrance of each cemetery the name, also of grading several lots containing the graves of soldiers of the Civil War, has been brought before the Commissioners. In consideration of this and possibly other extra expense, although a portion of the income remains unexpended, the Commissioners would recommend that the town raise and appropriate the usual sum of \$200 for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the several cemeteries.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS.

RESIDENTS.

Mrs. E. S. Abbot, Fairview, care of tomb	\$ 5 00
Mrs. C. M. Atwood, 195 and 196, E. D.	10 00
Mrs. John Baker, 330, E. D.	1 00
Edmund Barton, 40 and 41, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. Agnes Beebe, 234, E. D.	1 00
Joseph Bennett, 48 and 61, E. D.	2 00
Ai Bicknell, two lots, Fairview.....	2 00
Edson G. Boynton, 333, E. D.	1 00
Augustus Bunce, 11 and 12, W. D.	2 00
Wm. Burnett, 37, E. D.....	1 00
Income from Sally B. Burrill fund, Fairview.....	5 58
Mrs. J. T. Butterworth, 236, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Frank Calvert, 26, W. D.	1 00
Income from Francis Caldwell fund, Fairview.....	1 88
John B. Carmichael, 345, E. D.....	1 00
John Carmichael, 68, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Clara P. Carkin, 145 and 338, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Carrick, 328, E. D.....	1 00
C. A. Chamberlain, 53, W. D. and one in Fairview .	3 00
P. G. Collins, 35, W. D.	1 00
Miss Annie L. Coolidge, 65, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. E. Caunter, 21, 22 and 326, E. D.....	3 00
Mrs. Sarah Drew, 30, E. D.....	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Drew, 43, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. J. Dugdale, 243, E. D.	1 00
C. L. Fletcher, 42, W. D.....	1 00
F. L. Fletcher, 83, W. D.	1 00
John M. Fletcher, 76, W. D.	1 00
John M. Fletcher, 197 and 198, E. D.	10 00
Income from Julia A. Fletcher fund, 69, W. D.	1 00
J. W. Fletcher, 154, E. D.....	1 00
Income from S. D. Fletcher fund, Fairview	1 44

Amount carried forward \$68 90

Amount brought forward	\$68 90
Income from S. D. Fletcher fund, Westlawn.....	1 44
Wm. E. Frost, 17, E. D.	1 00
August Gardel, 368, E. D.....	1 00
George Q. Gilson, 332, E. D.	1 00
L. S. Gilson, 60 and 75, W. D. and 320, E. D.	3 00
Wm. Gower, 42, E. D.	1 00
John Greig, 14, W. D.	1 00
Income from T. H. Hamblett fund, Fairview	1 87
Mrs. Abbie Hamlin, 366, E. D.....	1 00
Income from C. and C. A. Hamlin fund, 56 and 57, E. D.	3 77
W. O. Hawkes, 112, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Charles A. Harris, 363, E. D.....	1 00
Income from M. Hennessey fund, 239, E. D.	1 88
Edwin E. Heywood, 337, E. D.....	1 00
F. A. Hildreth, 43, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, Fairview	1 00
Frank Hindle, 336, E. D.	1 00
Francis Hosmer, 325, E. D.	1 00
E. F. Humiston, 136 ^a and 142, E. D.....	2 00
Edmund J. Hunt, 367, E. D.	1 00
Albert E. Jenne, 310, E. D.	1 00
Andrew Johnson, 158 E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Lucy A. Keyes, 39, E. D.	1 00
Miss R. E. Luce, Fairview.....	1 00
George A. Leland, ^f 247, E. D.....	1 00
Mrs. Arthur Longbottom, 249, E. D.	1 00
George F. Millis, 57, W. D.	1 00
James L. Moss, 242, E. D.....	1 00
Frank E. Miller, 36, W. D.....	1 00
Adino Northrup, 331, E. D.	1 00
Wm. Petherick, 339, E. D.....	1 00
Miss Sarah Precious, 47, E. D.	1 00
Edward Prescott, 25, W. D.....	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$109 86

Amount brought forward	\$109 86
Edward Prescott, 171 and 172, E. D.	10 00
Mrs. Frances A. Prescott, Fairview	1 00
Income from Frances A. Prescott fund, 167 and 168, E. D.	50
Income from Nathan P. Prescott fund, 347, E. D.	1 74
Alfred Prinn, 67, W. D.	1 00
Miss Sarah Richardson, two lots in Fairview.....	2 00
Income from Sarah E. Richardson fund, Fairview ...	1 88
Mrs. C. F. Seifer, 150, E. D.	5 00
Mrs. David H. Shattuck, 322, E. D.	1 00
Miss M. Shaw, 355, E. D.	1 00
Miss Clara A. Smith, 95, W. D.	1 00
James Stewart, 138, E. D.	1 00
Thomas Symmes, two lots in Fairview	2 00
Albert D. Taylor, 258, E. D.	1 00
S. L. Taylor, 101, W. D., 327, E. D. and one in Fair- view	3 00
J. A. Walkden, 15, E. D.	1 00
Wm. Welch, 18, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Mary J. Wheeler, 77, W. D.	1 00
C. E. Whidden, Whiting lot, Fairview	2 00
Wm. Whigham, 54, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. George H. Whitney, 159, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Hiram Whitney, 100, W. D.	1 00
Samuel Willis, 20, W. D.	1 00
Income from John Wilson fund, 146, E. D.	1 44
Henry O. Wood, 309, E. D.	5 00
Myron J. Woods, 155, E. D.	1 00
Wm. L. Woods, 148, E. D.	1 00
Income from Capt. Ezekiel Wright fund, Westlawn ...	1 00
Andrew S. Wright, 28 and 29, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. F. C. Wright, 59, E. D.	1 00
G. P. Wright, 25, E. D.	1 00
N. H. Wright, 46 and 47, W. D.	2 00
W. M. Wright, 24, E. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$168 42

Amount brought forward \$168 42

NON-RESIDENTS.

Miss Lucy M. B. Abbot, Groton, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Martha Bailey, Lowell, 51 and 52, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. G. A. Brigham, Charlestown, 106 and 107, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. S. A. Butterfield, Ayer, 334, E. D., none in Fairview	2 00
Mrs. Emily L. Craven, Lowell, 63, W. D.....	1 00
Miss Alice L. Davis, Somerville, 10, W. D.	1 00
Income from George Davis fund, Fairview.....	1 87
Burt W. Decatur, Springfield, 64, W. D.	1 00
Income from C. S. Dodge fund, 165 and 166, E. D.....	5 58
Mrs. A. E. Dupee, Roxbury, 114, E. D.....	1 00
Income from Rachel Dupee fund, Fairview	1 44
Mrs. W. P. Edwards, Brooklyn, N. Y., 66, E. D....	1 00
Income from Daniel Falls fund, Fairview.....	1 87
Mrs. A. M. Felch, Chelmsford, 257, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Lucy J. Fletcher, Arlington, 92, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. B. Foote, Manchester, N. H., 22 and 23, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. Louisa Garbett, Bristol, R. I., 55, E. D.....	1 00
Mrs. S. E. Green, Lowell, Fairview.....	1 00
Income from J. B. Griffin fund, Fairview	5 58
George P. Hamlin, Boston, 111, W. D.....	1 00
George E. Harris, Weymouth, 27, W. D.....	1 00
Miss C. E. Hewitt, Gleasondale, 116, W. D.....	1 00
Miss Helen C. Hildreth, Cambridge, 115, W. D.....	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Holt, Lowell, 39, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. G. F. Horne, Nashua, N. H., 16, E. D.	1 00
Income from Samuel Horne fund, Fairview,	2 78
G. W. Hunt, Lowell, 341, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. James Hunt, Lawrence, 53, E. D.....	1 00
S. M. Hutchins, Lowell, 54, W. D.....	1 00
Miss A. L. Johnson, Somerville, 60, E. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward \$215 54

Amount brought forward	\$215 54
Mrs. A. M. King, Rogers, Ark., 21, W. D., one in Fairview	2 00
Mrs. J. H. Laws, Somerville, 114, W. D.	1 00
Income from E. D. Metcalf fund, Fairview	1 74
George C. Moore, North Chelmsford, 343, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Morse, Lowell, 58, E. D.	1 00
J. M. Osgood, Racine, Wis., 6, E. D.	1 00
Parker & Buxton, Lowell, 365, E. D., one in Fairview	2 00
Income from J. M. Parker fund, Fairview	2 76
Mrs. S. E. Peck, Elizabeth, N. J., 94, W. D.	2 00
O. A. Parker, Waltham, G. A. Parker lot	8 00
Income from Charles H. Prescott fund, Westlawn ..	2 88
Income from Mary A. Putnam fund, Hillside	3 84
Miss Carrie E. Read, Barre, Fairview	1 00
Income from Abijah C. Reed fund, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Susan E. Reed, Nashua, N. H., Fairview	8 00
George E. Reed, Lowell, 70, W. D.	1 00
Income from Sarah S. Reed fund, Westlawn	3 77
Mrs. Anna Richardson, Melrose, 74, W. D.	1 00
M. T. Richardson, New York, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. F. K. Ripley, North Chelmsford, 2, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Nancy Sargent, Brookline, N. H., 59, W. D. ..	1 00
Wm. Saville, Boston, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Charles J. Searles, Lowell, 66 W. D.	1 00
Mrs. George Scrutton, Lowell, 375, E. D.	1 00
George F. Snow, West Chelmsford, Fairview	1 00
Salmon L. Snow, West Chelmsford, 89, W. D.	1 00
J. F. Spaulding, North Chelmsford, 346, E. D.	1 00
Richard Stancomb, North Acton, 340, E. D.	1 00
F. O. Stiles, Littleton, 41, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. S. H. Trumbull, Beverly, Fairview	1 00
Income from Sarah E. P. Wells fund, Westlawn	3 50
Isaac G. Wheeler, Allston, 105, W. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$278 03

Amount brought forward	\$278 03
Mrs. E. J. Whitney, Littleton Common, 28 and 29, E. D.	2 00
Income from C. M. Wiley fund, Fairview.....	5 58
Income from Luther Wilkins fund, 88, W. D.	4 18
Wm. T. Willis, Lowell, 19, E. D.	1 00
A. A. Wright, Hudson, 34, W. D.	1 00
Income from V. B. Wright fund, Fairview.....	94
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	\$292 73

EXPENSES.

Fairview:

Paid C. N. Richardson and others, for labor.....	\$270 09	
Wright & Fletcher, for fertilizer for top dressing	55 50	
for one lawn mower	3 00	
for one pair lawn shears.....	3 00	
for one lawn rake	50	
for grass seed	45	
for asphaltum, oil, gilding, etc.	2 53	
	<hr/>	\$335 07

Westlawn:

Paid J. T. Colburn, for labor.....	\$ 6 50	
Stephen Hoyt's sons, for rose bushes	6 00	
for paint, oil and putty for painting fence.....	6 05	
for labor puttying and painting fence.....	5 75	
for labor painting fence around Col. Robinson lot	75	
for freight on shrubs from Conn. ...	35	
Wright & Fletcher, for fertilizer for top dressing	18 50	
M. F. Hutchins, for labor	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$50 40
Amount carried forward		<hr/>
		\$385 47

Amount brought forward		\$385 47
Hillside:		
Paid B. F. Nutting, for labor.....	\$10 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, for labor	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 00
General expenses:		
Paid for postage stamps and envelopes		
for notices	\$5 76	
for legal advice	2 00	
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		\$405 23
Amount appropriated by the town	\$200 00	
Amount received for care of lots	292 73	
In the hands of A. P. Richardson, March,		
1903 (by error)	10 00	
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	\$502 73	
Amount expended.....	405 23	
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Unexpended balance	\$97 50	

TRUST FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

Sally B. Burrill fund, lot in Fairview	\$100 00
Francis Caldwell fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
George Davis fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Charles S. Dodge fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
Rachel Dupee fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Daniel Falls fund, lot in Fairview.....	50 00
Julia A. Fletcher fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
S. D. Fletcher fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
S. D. Fletcher fund, lot in Westlawn	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
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Amount carried forward	\$650 00

Amount brought forward	\$650 00
T. H. Hamblett fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
C. and C. A. Hamlin fund, lot in Fairview.....	100 00
M. Hennessey fund, lot in Fairview.....	50 00
Samuel Horne fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Edward D. Metcalf fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
James M. Parker fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Charles H. Prescott fund, lot in Westlawn.....	100 00
Frances A. Prescott fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott fund, lot in Fairview.....	50 00
Mary A. Putnam fund, lot in Hillside	100 00
Abijah C. Reed fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Anan Reed fund, lot in Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed fund, lot in Westlawn	100 00
Sarah E. Richardson fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells fund, lot in Westlawn.....	100 00
Clara M. Wiley fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
Luther Wilkins fund, lot in Fairview	75 00
John Wilson fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright fund, lot in Westlawn	50 00
Varnum B. Wright fund, lot in Fairview	25 00
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	\$2,000 00

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, Chairman,

MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS,

GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary,

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County:

Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the twenty-first day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at eight o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8.15 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

1st. To choose a Moderator

2d. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" all on one ballot.

- 3d. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.

- 15th. To raise and appropriate money to pay tuition of High School scholars, residents of the Town, at Westford Academy.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 18th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 22d. By request of the citizens of Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in that village, and act in relation to the same.

- 23d. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village and Brookside, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year; also in such other matters which may arise, requiring in their judgment the action of such agent, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will appropriate Two Hundred Dollars (\$200) for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will vote to continue to pay an Attorney or Attorneys a retainer to act as counsel for the Town for the ensuing year, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to offer a reward of One Hundred Dollars (\$100) for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in town, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to investigate and purchase one or more Snow Rollers for the purpose of breaking roads in winter if in their judgment they are of practical use, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this second day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and three.

SHERMAN H. FLETCHER,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,
Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.,

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1904.



LOWELL, MASS.

COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS.

1904.

School Committee 1903-1904.

A. R. CHOATE, Chairman	.	.	Term Expires 1904.
H. M. SEAVEY, Secretary	.	.	Term Expires 1906.
JOHN C. ABBOT,	.	.	Term Expires 1904.
CHAS. A. CHAMBERLAIN	.	.	Term Expires 1906.
ARTHUR E. WILSON	.	.	Term Expires 1905.
ELBERT H. FLAGG	.	.	Term Expires 1905.

Superintendent of Schools,

H. E. RICHARDSON, Residence, Littleton Depot.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Westford.

We hereby submit the report of the School Board for the past year, together with that of the Superintendent of Schools.

We feel that our schools have made good progress during the year, under the able superintendency of Mr. Richardson, assisted by a strong corps of teachers.

We would recommend that the parents of the children in the schools, and others, read the superintendent's report, that we may all keep in close touch with the best interests of the schools.

As to the school buildings. The Graniteville school house has been newly shingled and put in good condition.

Through prompt assistance from Sargent & Sons, Abbot Worsted Co. and others, a serious fire was averted in this building in January last.

We somewhat expected to present plans for a new school house at the Center, but it does not seem expedient at this time to do so. A new heating apparatus is an absolute necessity, however, in the old building.

We realize that it is poor policy to allow the district schools to go much longer without being repainted, but this expense must necessarily be deferred until sometime in the near future.

A. R. CHOATE,
J. C. ABBOT,
E. H. FLAGG,
T. A. E. WILSON,
C. A. CHAMBERLAIN,
H. M. SEAVEY,
School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Income.

Balance unexpended from 1902	\$ 105 99	
Appropriation	6,100 00	
From State on account of Superintendent of Schools	250 00	
Income Massachusetts School Fund	779 86	
From Westford Academy for services of music teacher	25 00	
Tuition of scholars at Westford Academy	1,500 00	
State Board of Charity	17 50	
	<hr/>	\$8,778 35

Expended.

Teachers	\$5,414 50	
Fuel	868 15	
Janitor service and cleaning	492 20	
Transportating scholars	475 20	
Tuition scholars Westford Academy	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,750 05
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$28 30

Text Books and Supplies Furnished Schools.

Appropriation	\$600 00
Amount expended	463 50
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Balance	\$136 50

Expense of Supervision.

Salary paid by Town	\$800 00
Rebate from State	625 00
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Net cost to Town	\$175 00

Appropriations Recommended.

Schools	\$6,100 00	
Tuition scholars at Westford Academy..	1,500 00	
Text books and school supplies	600 00	
	<hr/>	\$8,200 00

Superintendent's Report.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:—

In accordance with the rules of your Board, I hereby submit the following report to you, and through you to the citizens of the town, for the year ending February 26, 1904.

Below are given the school census of September, 1903, and a summary of statistics for the year ending June, 1903.

At the end of this report will be found tabulated statistics to February 26, 1904.

Population; U. S. Census of 1900.....	2624
Valuation, May 1, 1903.....	\$1,548,435 00
Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years:	
Boys, 207; Girls, 182; Total.....	389
Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years:	
Boys, 160; Girls, 144; Total.....	304
Whole number enrolled in all the schools.....	465
Whole number enrolled between 5 and 15 years...	391
Whole number enrolled between 7 and 14 years...	308
Whole number enrolled over 15 years.....	35
Average membership.....	382
Average attendance.....	339
Per cent. of attendance.....	89
Number of weeks in school year.....	36
Whole number different schools.....	15
Whole number of teachers.....	16
Number of different male teachers during year....	2
Number of different female teachers during year...	14

Number of Normal School graduates.....	6
Number who have attended Normal Schools.....	12
Number of College graduates.....	2
Aggregate of months all schools have kept	135.75
Average number of months schools have kept	9.05

During the past year no new lines have been attempted, but faithful, effective work has been done. Every teacher is ambitious to excel and has been alert to improve every opportunity to that end. The spirit that has prompted many to follow a line of professional reading and study is most commendable. To make right motives and right actions habitual in all pupils is the constant endeavor of the schools. The great purpose is not to teach the contents of the book alone, but to give the children an all-round development, physical, mental, moral, and to train them to become worthy and law abiding citizens.

At the end of the year there were the usual number of changes among the teachers. Miss Lillian Small resigned from the Centre Intermediate School to accept a position in Plymouth, Mass., and Miss Sadie E. Hanscom, a graduate of Worcester Normal School, was elected to the place. Miss Anna Wood of the Centre Primary resigned to teach in Augusta, Me., and Miss Millie Smith, a graduate of the Worcester Normal School, was chosen for the school. Mr. George, principal of the Graniteville School, was succeeded by Mr. Walter K. Putney of Gloucester Mass., a graduate of Salem Normal School, and a student for two years at Brown University. Miss Bemis of the Upper Primary was followed by Miss Grace Farnsworth, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School. Miss Mary Adams of the Forge Grammar School resigned to enter a matrimonial alliance, and Miss Luna Hubbard, a graduate of Fitchburg Normal School, was appointed to the school. Miss Eva Bassett resigned and Miss Ruth Tuttle of Westford succeeded her at Minot's Corner. With the exception of Miss Smith and Miss Tuttle, all of these teachers have had successful experience in teaching elsewhere.

In spite of the constant changes in the teaching corps we are glad to report that the standard is well maintained. So long as it is necessary to have three, four, and even five grades in a room we cannot hope to compete with those schools having but one or two grades. Our teachers are constantly being called to more desirable positions at larger salaries, whereas if we could make it an object for them to remain with us for a longer time of service we should undoubtedly be the gainers thereby. We anticipate the time when Westford will have the advantage of a more closely graded system with fewer grades in a room, when teachers will be content to remain longer, and the efficiency of the schools will be increased.

The Academy. It hardly seems necessary to speak to the citizens of Westford regarding their Academy, which for more than one hundred years has stood as the goal of every ambitious boy and girl in the town.

The public spirit and interest in education which prompted its founders have been perpetuated. At Commencement each year the presence of men high in social rank and public life is, we believe, not only an assurance of continued interest but also of confidence in its present aims and management.

Graduates of the Academy enter our Normal Schools and Colleges and there pursue the work prescribed with honor, reflecting much credit upon their Alma Mater. The fact that many fail to appreciate the advantages within their grasp, and at an early age are too ready to leave school, is no reflection upon the school in question, as it is the universal experience in every community.

The Academy aims primarily not only to give every pupil an equal chance with every other, but to impel every one to make the most of his chance.

If for any reason a student is unable to take the full course, he is allowed to continue as a special student and take such studies as he may elect under the direction of the faculty, thus exemplifying the truth that "the school is for the pupil."

**Attendance
at
High Schools.**

A paper on attendance at High Schools, given at the National Educational Association in Boston last July by a speaker who had gathered statistics from all over the country, brought out the somewhat startling facts that little over five per cent. of the pupils who enter the elementary schools remain to enter the high schools; of those who enter the high schools between twenty and twenty-four per cent. are reported as graduating, and of the original number entering the elementary schools only about two per cent. graduate from the high schools.

As a possible explanation of this state of affairs, attention was called to the fact that many pupils enter the high school simply to get one or more years' additional school training, knowing beforehand that they will not be able to remain to graduate.

If all pupils admitted to the high schools entered with the intention of remaining to graduate, the dropping out of so large a percentage would be a very serious fact. It would mean disappointment and defeat for the majority.

Principals of schools were asked to state, in order of importance, the causes they considered most potent in taking pupils out of the high schools, and the following were put among the first by teachers in Massachusetts, New York, California, Georgia and Texas:—

1. Needed for support.
2. Desire to enter factory.
3. Desire to enter business school.
4. Commercial ideals at home and lack of appreciation of education.
5. Laziness.

The speaker stated that one who had made a special study of fifteen selected high schools, scattered from Cambridge to Portland, many of very high repute, found that only sixteen per cent. of the students entering these schools remained till the fourth year, and hardly more than twelve or fourteen per cent. graduated.

In spite of the seeming advantage of these choicest high schools, with their liberal, complete equipment, and supposedly superior teaching force, it is shown that the small high schools, as a rule, hold their pupils better than the large ones—due in part to the closer personal relations between teachers, parents and pupils.

In the light of the foregoing facts, Westford Academy is to be congratulated upon graduating each year so many boys and girls prepared for higher education or for the business of life.

It is a pleasure to record that the most harmonious relations continue to exist between the Academy and the school officials.

Forge Primary. Two years ago it was necessary, because of the large attendance in the Primary School and the small number in the Grammar, to send the third grade up stairs, thus leaving two grades in the lower room. This year, because of the large attendance, numbering fifty-seven children, we are obliged again to consider another division. It is not feasible to send the second grade, or any part of it, composed mostly of very small children, up stairs, and yet it is a difficult task for one teacher to handle a school of fifty-seven small children, necessarily divided into many groups, and do justice to herself and to the school.

An assistant teacher would afford temporary relief, but the best solution of the problem would be an additional room at Forge for beginners, who through lack of familiarity with the English language, when they enter school, can not be classed properly as first grade pupils. Some preparatory or kindergarten training is needed by those who on this account are not ready as most American children are to do regular first grade work upon entering school.

Notwithstanding the present congested condition, the work done by Miss Phillips, the primary teacher, is of excellent character and merits full approval.

**The
Attendance.**

The schools have been unusually free from contagious diseases, and the attendance has been exceptionally good. During the intensely cold weather it has been impossible to heat some of the school buildings, and consequently the work of these schools has been more or less interrupted. Much as this is to be regretted, we are not the exception in this matter, as the same state of affairs has existed quite generally in other towns and cities.

**Relation of
Parents to
Schools.**

Frequent complaints have been made that children have been kept out in the cold after reaching school in the morning. This has been true in one or two instances only, when children reached school very early, before the teacher's arrival.

To avoid a long play period and consequent interruption of the teacher's work before school, it has been thought advisable to have some restrictions, and therefore children have been asked not to come earlier than ten minutes before the opening of both the morning and the afternoon session. If, by chance, time-pieces at home are incorrect, or children come from a distance and arrive before the stated time, they are allowed to enter the building at once. At no time has any child been intentionally kept outside in the cold.

A fellow superintendent in his report made the following suggestions to parents of Wakefield, which apply equally well to other places. He says: "Please do not air your grievance in public until you have made the proper effort to have the matter righted. There is great probability that the child will carry home a mistaken and distorted view of the matter, however honest he may be. Very few children think they are in the wrong from their point of view. It is obviously wrong for a parent to side with the child without further investigation. Judgment should be suspended until all the circumstances are known. Several cases have been brought to me the past year wherein the parent has been perfectly satisfied after learning the facts.

"When those who criticise become perfect in their business and family relations, then, and not till then, should they expect perfection in teachers and in results of school work. If a year were to pass without complaints and criticisms I should think that my last days were at hand or that the millennium had arrived.

"Our teachers are invariably conscientious and careful, although, in common with mortals, liable to mistakes. I urge parents to visit the schools oftener and see the good work that is being done by our excellent corps of teachers. Give them your sympathy and co-operation, help them in every way possible to understand your child and his needs, and I am sure you will have greater respect for the teacher and a higher appreciation of her work. Remember that her work is hard and exacting, that she has a thousand things to contend with that few parents realize anything about, and then help her all you can."

**Absence
and
Tardiness.**

Section 16, Chapter 9, of Rules and Regulations of the School Board reads: "Teachers shall require a satisfactory written excuse for absence, tardiness, or dismissal from school before the close of the session." The object of this regulation is to enable parents to co-operate with the schools in securing punctual, regular attendance on the part of their children, and to show that the pupil is absent with the knowledge of the parent. Teachers are simply doing their duty in complying with the rules of the School Committee when they insist upon having such excuses.

I wish to express my appreciation of the loyalty of teachers, parents and citizens to our schools, and to you, gentlemen, for your uniform courtesy and support.

Respectfully submitted.

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

MR. H. E. RICHARDSON, SUPT. OF SCHOOLS:—

Plato once said "If you would know whether or not a nation is well governed you must look into the condition of its music." School music is growing in this country, and the time is coming when the results will justly show the standing of our nation. We are responsible for the results, and it lies with us that during the school life of the children they receive as much knowledge as pleasure from the music.

It has been said we have made too much of the intellect and too little of the feelings. This tendency is being overcome when we place music in our schools. It is the one universal art which reaches the masses, appealing alike to rich and poor.

The work we are doing in the Westford schools appeals to both sides of a child's nature. He gains the key to the realm of music: the ability to read; he can interpret the songs of the great composers from the artistic standpoint, and the latter is done with greater pleasure through the fact that it is by knowledge of reading and not by musical intuition that the songs are sung.

"Train the children to read music and you have given them the key that in future years will unlock the great store-houses of music, and secure for themselves its best and richest treasures." Music will no longer be, as formerly, a sealed book.

It is with pleasure that we note that unfavorable weather has not, to a great degree, retarded the progress of the work in music. Most of the schools are doing work up to grade, and progress is shown along the lines of fluency of reading, quality of tone and expression.

The lower grades use no books, but the supplementary work is supplied by the regular teachers, in board exercises. The little people read readily in all keys, a check mark showing the position of the first note. Much rote singing is done in these grades, for the refining influence of good songs has much to do towards moulding the character of these little ones. When the fourth grade is reached the children can read, consequently rote singing is dropped and the children read the songs.

This year the ninth grade advanced to the fifth reader of the Educational Series, and the fourth reader used in this room was placed in the sixth and seventh grades at Graniteville.

The grammar school, which is a culmination of the grade work, is doing excellent work and the class as a whole is up to grade. This room in the individual work has advanced rapidly, and at this time are two series ahead of last year. We have advanced from three to four parts in the chorus work, and with the knowledge of music which the pupils have, but little difficulty has been found.

The work of the ungraded schools is carried on along the lines of the other schools, with the exception that the school sings as one class, consequently we have to make subdivisions and divide the time among the classes as best we can in so short a period.

Music this year was made elective in the Academy. A large class elected music and the work has progressed with interest, especially as this year we are able to have part singing.

"It is the teachers of our elementary schools who hold the destiny of music in their hands, and if only our children are taught to read fluently and brought up upon nothing but the best music, then, and not till then, shall we become what I am convinced we are now potentially—a musical nation."

I wish to thank the Superintendent, the School Board and the teachers of Westford for the hearty co-operation they have given in the work.

Respectfully submitted.

BLANCHE S. SAMUELS,

Supervisor of Music.

Program of Westford Academy Graduation Exercises, June 19, 1903.

PROGRAM.

1. Organ Solo—"March Célèbre." *Fr. Lachner*
Mr. Thomas R. Frost, class of '95.
2. Prayer.
Rev. Merritt S. Buckingham.
3. Essay—"The Passion Play at Oberammergau."
Emma G. Johnson, Westford.
4. Song—"The Flower Girl." *Bevignani*
Mrs. Jessie Pedrick Jenkins.
5. Essay—"Helen Keller."
Johanna O'Brien, South Chelmsford.
6. Singing—"The Hill School." *Surette*
By the School.
7. Essay—"The Russian Exile System."
Effie M. Bennett, Westford.
8. Song—"The Palms." *Faure*
Mr. Albert E. Prescott, class of '81.
9. Singing—(a) "In the Harbor We've Been Sheltered." *Veazie*
(b) "The King's Champion." *Watson*
By the Academy Glee Club.
10. Essay—"The Hague Tribunal."
Edna L. Ferguson, Westford.
11. Organ Solo—"Fantasia." *B. Tours*
Mr. Frost.
12. Conferring of Diplomas.
Rev. Edward A. Horton.
13. "America."

GRADUATING CLASS.

LATIN SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

Edna Lucinda Ferguson.

ENGLISH COURSE.

Effie May Bennett,

Emma Gertrude Johnson,

Johanna O'Brien.

Motto:—"Deo duce."

STATISTICS FOR 1902-1903.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Weeks, of School.	Enroll- ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent. of At- tendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 14, 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy	X-XIII	39	34	29.8	27.4	91	1	7	27
Centre Grammar	VIII-IX	36	32	26	22	87	13	24	8
Centre Intermediate	IV-VII	36	34	32	29	89	36	16	0
Centre Primary	I-III	36	31	26	21	80	7	29	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	VI-VIII	36	35	26	21	89	28	34	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar	IV-V	36	35	32	28.8	90	35	35	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II-III	36	36	27	24	89	32	36	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	36	47	37	33	90	20	47	0
Forge Village Grammar	III-VII	36	26	24	22	92	25	26	0
Forge Village Primary	I-II	36	48	42	38	91	30	48	0
Nabnassett	I-V I	36	31	20	16	77	27	24	0
Stony Brook	I-VII	36	29	22	19	86	17	23	0
Parkerville	I-VII	36	18	16	14.5	90	18	18	0
Nashoba	I-VII	36	15	10	9	93	9	10	0
Minot's Corner	I-VII	36	14	12	11	90	10	14	0
Totals			465	381.8	338.7	89.7	308	391	35

STATISTICS FALL AND WINTER TERMS 1903-1904.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Enroll- ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent. of At- tendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy	X—XIII	32	28	25	89	0	4	28
Centre Grammar	VIII—IX	37	32	28	87	21	28	9
Centre Intermediate	VII—IV	39	35	31	87	35	4	0
Centre Primary	I—III	29	28	24	86	21	29	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	VI—VII	27	26	23	88	27	27	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar	IV—V	25	24	22	89	25	25	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II—III	24	22	20	90	22	2	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	40	32	27	84	21	40	0
Forge Village Grammar	III—VII	27	23	21	94	27	27	0
Forge Village Primary	I—II	57	39	36	93	43	14	0
Nabnassett	I—VII	31	19	16	79	18	30	0
Stony Brook	I—VII	27	23	19	82	21	26	1
Parkerville	I—VII	18	15	14	86	10	8	0
Nashoba	I—VII	18	15.7	14.6	92	15	18	0
Minot's Corner	I—VII	11	11	10	90	7	11	0

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1903-1904.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	App'd.	EDUCATED.	Salary.	Home Address.
Academy, { Principal	Wm. E. Frost	1872	Bowdoin, '72	T'n pays	Westford.
{ Assistant	Gertrude MacDonald	1902	Westbrook Sem'n'y } Lowell Normal	\$1500 00	N. Windham, Me.
Centre Grammar	Ruth Fisher	1900	Worcester Normal	450 00	Westford.
Centre Intermediate	Sadie E. Hanscom	1903	Worcester Normal	360 00	Putnam, Conn.
Centre Primary	Millie F. Smith	1903	Salem Normal	360 00	Worcester.
Graniteville Upper Grammar	Walter K. Putney	1903	Westford Academy	540 00	Gloucester.
Graniteville Lower Grammar	Issie A. Parker	1897	Fitchburg Normal	360 00	Graniteville.
Graniteville Upper Primary	Grace L. Farnsworth	1903	Westford Academy	360 00	Still River.
Graniteville Lower Primary	Flora E. Palmer	1901	Fitchburg Normal	360 00	Graniteville.
Forge Village Grammar	Luna B. Hubbard	1903	Worcester	360 00	Littleton.
Forge Village Primary	I. Millie Phillips	1901	Westford Academy	450 00	Worcester.
Parkerville	Frances C. Banister	1902	Lowell Normal	288 00	Westford.
Minot's Corner	Ruth P. Tuttle	1903	Fitchburg Normal	288 00	Fitchburg.
Nashoba	Bertha M. Field	1902	Lowell Normal	324 00	Lowell.
Stony Brook	Anna Mellen	1899	Westford Academy	324 00	Westford.
Nabnasset	Luanna DeCatur	1901	Westfield	350 00	Westfield.
Music Teacher	Blanche S. Samuels	1902			

Roll of Honor, September, 1902, to June, 1903.

ONE YEAR.

Blodgett, Marion	Kavalish, Kastotantui
Buckingham, Edward	Symmes, George
	Wall, Rachel

TWO TERMS.

Butterfield, Hattie	Lord, Helen J.
Day, Mary	Miller, Joseph
Day, Albert	Rockwell, Webster
De Roehn, Emerson A.	Sullivan, Willie
Healy, John	Symmes, Mattie
Jenkins, Justin B.	Symmes, Althea
Kimball, Elizabeth	Symmes, Anna
Lord, Marion E.	Symmes, Paul

ONE TERM.

Andrews, Julian J.	Champagne, Tilly
Banister, Seth	Comey, Gertrude E.
Beebe, Walter	Davis, Willie F.
Bicknell, Alva	Day, Otis
Charlton, Raymond	Decatur, Elsie
Buckingham, Horace	Draper, Lillian
Burnham, Chester	Draper, John

Fletcher, Ralph A.
Gilson, Ellen
Gower, Francis
Hanning, Roy
Healy, Mary
Healy, Mary C.
Healy, Henry
Kenrick, Mildred
Lang, Georgie
Leclere, Corine
Leclere, May
Lefevere, Napoleon
Leighton, Mary
Leighton, Frances
Loftus, Gertrude
McDonald, Madeline

Noteman, Mary
O'Brien, Rose A.
O'Harra, James
Pym, Olive
Roper, Marion
Rockwell, Clifton
Sanborn, Mabel
Shattuck, Cora
Shattuck, Walter
Sleeper, Walter
Smith, Lillian
Spinner, John W.
Stuart, Fred
Sullivan, Mary
Walkden, Herbert H.
Wright, Ernest

Roll of Honor, Fall and Winter Terms, 1903-1904.

TWO TERMS.

Gilson, Alice	Symmes, Paul
Gilson, Ella	Symmes, George E.
Kimball, Elizabeth A.	Prinn, Carrie
Lord, Helen J.	Rockwell, Clifton
Sanborn, George	Rockwell, Percy
Walkden, Herbert H.	

• ONE TERM.

Andrews, Julian	Doucett, Lottie
Beebe, Luella	Drew, Annie
Bicknell, Alva M.	Furbush, Helen
Blodgett, Marion L.	Gower, Francis
Boucher, Florence	Healy, Henry
Boucher, Edmund	Houle, Lena
Boucher, Leo	Jenkins, Justin B.
Burnham, Helen R.	Kabele, Leo H.
Charleton, Agnes	Kavalish, Kastotantui
Clement, Lena	Kimball, Jennie F.
Comey, Hazel	Leclere, Corine
Comey, Gertrude E.	Leclere, Charlie
Daley, Gladys	Ledwith, William
Davis, Willie	Lorman, Martha
Deziel, Marie	Lorman, Mildred
De Roehn, Elmer	Loftus, Gertrude
De Roehn, Willie E.	Lord, Philip
De Roehn, Emerson A.	Miller, Joseph
Donnelley, Mary A.	Miller, Ruth

Murray, Marshal	Shugrue, May
Murray, Helen	Stokes, Emily E.
O'Harra, James	Sullivan, William F.
Orr, Annie	Sullivan, Mary
Orr, Nellie	Sullivan, Margaret
Orr, Robert	Sutherland, Alfred A.
Osgood, Charles I.	Sweetser, Howard W.
Phelps, Mabel	Symmes, Althea
Prinn, William	Symmes, Anna
Record, Josephine	Tousignant, Rosalba
Rockwell, Lawson W.	Tousignant, Mederic
Sleeper, Natelie	Wall, Rachel
Spinner, Edward	Whitney, Ethel Maude
Wright, Carl	

School Calendar, 1904-1905.

SPRING TERM—Begins March 14, 1904; closes June 10, 1904.
Term's length, 13 weeks.

FALL TERM—Begins Sept. 6, 1904; closes November 18, 1904.
Term's length, 11 weeks.

WINTER TERM—Begins November 28, 1904; closes March 3, 1905. Term's length, 13 weeks.

SPRING TERM—Begins March 21, 1905; closes June 9, 1905.
Term's length, 12 weeks.

Vacation of one week, from Dec. 22 to Jan. 1, 1905.

Extracts from the Public Statutes of the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 494.

An Act to Regulate the Employment of Labor.

Section 1. No child under fourteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed in any work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the town or city in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at any work before the hour of six o'clock in the morning or after the hour of seven o'clock in the evening.

Sect. 2. No child under sixteen years of age shall be employed in any factory, workshop or other mercantile establishment unless the person or corporation employing him procures and keeps on file and accessible to the truant officers of the town or city, and to the district police and inspectors of factories, an age and schooling certificate as hereinafter prescribed, and keeps two complete lists of all such children employed therein, one on file and one conspicuously posted near the principal entrance of the building in which such children are employed, and also keeps on file a complete list, and sends to the superintendent of schools, or, where there is no superintendent, to the school committee, the names of all minors employed therein who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language.

Sect. 4. An age and schooling certificate shall not be approved unless satisfactory evidence is furnished by the last school census, the certificate of birth or baptism of such child, the register of birth of such child with a town or city clerk, or in some other manner, that such child is of the age stated in the certificate.

Sect. 6. Whoever employs a child under sixteen years of age, and whoever having under his control a child under such age permits such child to be employed, in violation of section one or two of this act, shall for such offense be fined not more than fifty dollars; and whoever continues to employ any child in violation of either of said sections of this act after being notified by a truant officer or an inspector of factories thereof, shall for every day thereafter that such employment continues be fined not less than five nor more than twenty dollars. A failure to produce to a truant officer or inspector of factories any age and schooling certificate or list required by this act shall be prima facie evidence of the illegal employment of any person whose age and schooling certificate is not produced or whose name is not so listed. Any corporation or employer retaining any age and schooling certificate in violation of section five of this act shall be fined ten dollars. Every person authorized to sign the certificate prescribed by section five of this act who knowingly certifies to any materially false statement therein shall be fined not more than fifty dollars.

Sect. 8. Truant officers may visit the factories, workshops and mercantile establishments in their several towns and cities and ascertain whether any minors are employed therein contrary to the provisions of this act, and they shall report any cases of such illegal employment to the school committee and to the chief of the district police, or to the inspector of factories for the district. Inspectors of factories and truant officers may require that the age and schooling certificates and lists provided for in this act of minors employed in such factories, workshops or mercantile establishments, shall be produced for their inspection. Complaints for offences under this act shall be brought by inspectors of factories.

CHAPTER 49J.

An Act Relative to School Attendance and Truancy.

Sect. 11. No child who has not been duly vaccinated shall be admitted to a public school except under presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that such child is an unfit subject for vaccination. No child who is a member of a household in which a person is sick with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to contagion from a household as aforesaid, shall attend any public school during such sickness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the town or city, or from the attending physician of such sick person, stating in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever, that a period of at least two weeks, and in case of measles a period of at least three days, has elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of the conveying of such disease by such child has passed.

Sect. 12. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the town or city in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in sections three, seven, ten and eleven of this act: provided, that the superintendent of schools or, where there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent of schools or school committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence; and provided, further, that the attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if such child has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such town or city in accordance with section two of chapter four hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, or if such child has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning

required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause such child to attend school as required by this section.

Sect. 19. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee or to such person as such committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any single term until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during the school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers, and the secretary and agents of the state board of education.

Sect. 24. Every habitual truant, that is, every child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section twelve of this act, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, and if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

Sect. 25. Every habitual absentee, that is, every child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any town or city of the Commonwealth, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

Sect. 26. Every habitual school offender, that is, every child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for exclusion therefrom, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, may be committed, if a boy, at the discretion of the court, to a county truant school for a period not exceeding two years, or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section twenty-eight of this act.

Sect. 31. Any person having under his control a child between seven and fourteen years of age who fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control, to cause such child to attend school as required by section twelve of this act, the physical or mental condition of such child not being such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, upon complaint by a truant officer, and conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Any person who induces or attempts to induce any child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors while school is in session any child absent unlawfully from school, shall forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Sect. 34. The truant officers of towns and cities shall inquire in all cases arising under sections eleven, twelve, twenty-four to twenty-six inclusive and thirty-one of this act, and may make complaints, serve legal processes, and carry into execution judgments thereunder. They shall perform the duties of oversight of children placed on probation as may be required of them under section twenty-eight of this act. A truant officer of any town or city may apprehend and take to school, without warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

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Town of Westford

Annual Report

For year ending March 1
1905



Also Town Warrant for Annual Town
Meeting to be held March 20, 1905





ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905.

ALSO
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO BE HELD MARCH 20, 1905.



LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1905.



Officers of the Town of Westford, 1904.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHERTerm expires March, 1906

Selectmen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING, *Chairman*Term expires March, 1905

WESLEY O. HAWKESTerm expires March, 1906

ALEC FISHER, *Secretary*Term expires March, 1907

Assessors.

J. WILLARD FLETCHERTerm expires March, 1905

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR, *Secretary*Term expires March, 1906

GEORGE H. HARTFORD, *Chairman* ...Term expires March, 1907

Overseers of the Poor.

CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR.....Term expires March, 1905

ARTHUR H. BURNHAM, *Secretary*Term expires March, 1906

LEONARD W. WHEELER, *Chairman* ..Term expires March, 1907

Treasurer.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

HUGH F. LEITH.

Constables.

JOHN A. HEALY,

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

School Committee.

ELBERT H. FLAGG.....Term expires March, 1905

T. ARTHUR E. WILSONTerm expires March, 1905

CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAINTerm expires March, 1906

HOMER M. SEAVEY, *Secretary*Term expires March, 1906

JOHN C. ABBOTTerm expires March, 1907

ALBERT R. CHOATE, *Chairman*Term expires March, 1907

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

*WILLIAM E. FROST, *Chairman*Term expires March, 1905
 †JOSEPH R. DRAPERTerm expires March, 1906
 CATHARINE A. KEBLER, *Secretary* . . .Term expires March, 1907

* Deceased November 30, 1904.

† Deceased October 30, 1904.

Charles C. P. Hiller elected to fill one vacancy until annual meeting.

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

GEORGE T. DAY,Term expires March, 1905
 GEORGE W. HEYWOODTerm expires March, 1906
 MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINSTerm expires March, 1907

Tree Warden.

JAMES SPINNER.

Field Drivers.

JOHN A. HEALY,SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.
 WALDO F. PRESCOTT.

Fence Viewers.

AUGUSTUS BUNCE,ALVIN G. POLLY,
 ALMON S. VOSE.

Measurers of Woodand Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLARD H. BEEBE,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
CHARLES A. BLODGETT,	MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHY,
CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR,	WALDO F. PRESCOTT,
DAVID DESMOND,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
HORACE E. GOULD,	THOMAS E. SYMMES,
JOHN A. HEALY,	SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Special Police Officers.

MARK M. MORRISON,	LINCOLN A. REDDICK,
ERNEST H. DANE,	JOSEPH H. SEARS,
MATTHEW SMITH.	

Fire Wards.

ERNEST H. DANE,	GEORGE O. JACKSON,
CHARLES EDWARDS,	HARRY L. NESMITH,
JOHN A. HEALY,	T. ARTHUR E. WILSON,
WILLIAM L. WOODS.	

Forest Fire Wards.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK	JOHN A. HEALY,
EDSON G. BOYNTON,	GEORGE O. JACKSON,
ERNEST H. DANE,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
DAVID DESMOND,	WILLIAM L. WOODS.

Weighers of Coal.

J. HERBERT FLETCHER,	J. AUSTIN HEALY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	JOHN A. HEALY,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
ALFRED H. HARTFORD,	EVA F. PYNE.
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.	

Superintendent of Streets.

ANGUS McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of Board of Health.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK,	WESLEY O. HAWKES.
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Registrars of Voters.

NELSON L. TUTTLE	Term expires April 30, 1905
QUINCY W. DAY, <i>Chairman</i>	Term expires April 30, 1906
ALFRED WOODBURY	Term expires April 30, 1907
EDWARD FISHER, <i>Clerk, ex officio.</i>	

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Homer M. Seavey; Deputy Warden, Walter J. Merritt; Clerk, John M. Fletcher, Deputy Clerk, J. Herbert Fletcher; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William H. H. Burbeck; Deputy Inspectors, Clarence R. P. Decatur, Wayland F. Balch.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Deputy Warden, Albert R. Wall; Clerk, Walter C. Wright; Deputy Clerk, Hammet D. Wright; Inspectors, Joseph Wall, Samuel H. Balch; Deputy Inspectors, Henry J. Healy, Richard D. Prescott.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey; Deputy Warden, William J. Flynn; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Samuel L. Taylor; Inspectors, Amos B. Polley, Henry B. Reed; Deputy Inspectors, Houghton G. Osgood, James H. O'Brien.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

SAMUEL H. BALCH.

Janitor of Town House.

JOSEPH H. SEARS.

Janitor of Library Building.

AL BICKNELL.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

EDSON G. BOYNTON, JOHN M. FLETCHER,
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON.

Births.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1904.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
Mar. 28,	Abbot, Robert F.	John C. and Anna (Fletcher)
Jan. 14,	Anderson	John A. and Augusta L. (Tackinsen) ..
Jan. 24,	Anderson, Carl T.	Andrew and Julia C. (Anderson)
Nov. 5,	Anderson, Erie J.	Oscar H. and Susie D. (Cushman) ..
Nov. 27,	Anderson, Herman H.	Carl G. and Alma (Hasselind)
May 12,	Baker, Flora M.	Charles and Rose (Norman)
Sept. 15,	Bartlett, Alice	Thomas and Mary (Bartlett)
Feb. 2,	Bell, Marjorie E.	Robert J. and Jessie A. (Walkden)...
Dec. 21,	Cahill, Mildred M.	Michael and Dora E. (Wood)
Nov. 5,	Caunter Florence E.	Franklin R. and Ella M. (Shattuck) ..
Oct. 9,	Champagne, Henry	Louis B. and Mary (Demone)
June 20,	Copuano, Filomena	Antonio and Theresa (Morens)
Aug. 13,	Courtney, Mary E.	Alec. and Mary (Barlow)
Feb. 8,	Day, Chester A. W.	Arthur E. and Margaret L. (Gunter) ..
May 2,	Del Favaro, Joseph C.	Bartolo and Geltrude (Le Lotto)
Oct. 31,	Desoro, Francesco	Paolo and Cecelia H. (Zanchi)
Oct. 29,	Dumont, Willie	Alfonso and Mary (Champagne)
Apr. 12,	Dureault, Joseph A.	Aime and Esther M. (Drouillard)
May 5,	Elliott, Margaret	Matthew and Catherine (McQueeny) ..
Nov. 3,	Fletcher, John G.	John H. and Mary E. (Gill)
May 11,	Gardowiy, Mary E.	Hildege and Malvinia (St. George) ..
June 1,	Girard, Willie U.	Henry and Mary (Savie)
Aug. 17,	Green, Mildred R.	William E. and Rose (Murray)
Mar. 12,	Harrington, Harold A.	P. Henry and Elizabeth (Dunn)
Sept. 8,	Healy, Alice R.	Stephen M. and Edith F. (Darling)...
Sept. 24,	Healy, Richard H.	Henry J. and Margaret A. (Harrington)
Dec. 18,	Hosmer, Alice E.	James H. and Jennie H. (Bennett) ...
Oct. 17,	Houle, Edmond L.	Amede and Sarah (Norman)
Sept. 19,	Kavanagh, James B.	John F. and Ellen M. (Staples)
July 9,	Kimbieravier, Slainslarva	Michael and Torefina (Pitlet)
Sept. 11,	Leith, Hugh F., Jr.	Hugh F. and Edith H. (Brown)
Jan. 5,	Le May, Zadel M.	Joseph and Susie M. (Newman)
Feb. 16,	Mason, Wesley G.	Walter C. and Lillian B. (Brown) ..
Sept. 7,	Mountain, Gertrude J.	Ernest and Catherine (Whigham)
May 22,	Nelson, Mark A.	Jasper H. and Ina (Rueter)
June 12,	Nyberg, Sigri E.	Yalmar and Ida (Hermmen)
Sept. 3,	Payne, Mary A.	James H. and Mary (Le Duc)
Apr. 19,	Perkins, Bessie M.	George and Addie J. (Taylor)
Feb. 21,	Precious, Mildred V.	William C. and Annie O. (Brown) ..
Jan. 14,	Provost, Gertrude W.	Henry M. and Mary (Larkin)
Aug. 3,	Richardson, George W.	Joseph S. and Etta A. (Smith)
Aug. 4,	Robicho	Eugene and Lucy B. (Boucher)
June 15,	Scott, Everett A.	Alexander and Mary (St. John)
Dec. 25,	Silver, Anna	Charles and Annie (Silverbeck)
Jan. 9,	Sunberg, Edgor R. F.	John and Christing (Johnson)
May 24,	Upton	Charles W. and Myrtle T. (Snow) ..
Dec. 3,	Whittier, Harold A.	Roland F. and Mary O. (Wood)
Apr. 28,	Wyman, Annie M.	William W. and Elizabeth (Billings) ..

Four stillborn; one illegitimate. Number recorded: males, 28; females, 25; total, 53.

Marriages.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1904.

Date.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
Sept. 29,	Ballou, Frank S.	35	Lowell	Hill, N. H.
	Ballou, Claudia	33	Lowell	Canada
May 10,	Blakney, Beverley L.	26	Groton	New Brunswick .
	Cummings, Ida M.	22	Westford	Ashburnham
Nov. 3,	Benson, Charles	43	Westford	Sweden
	Johnson, Alma S.	21	Westford	Sweden
July 5,	Berthaume, Carice	20	Westford	Canada
	St. Georgis, Exilia	22	Westford	Canada
Sept. 20,	Bicknell, Alvah H.	33	No. Weymouth	Weymouth
	Carmichael, Anne	30	Westford	Westford
Aug. 29,	Boucher, Alfred	27	Westford	Canada
	Bertbiaume, Alfreda	21	Westford	Canada
Jan. 23,	Brooks, Charles T.	27	Westford	P. Q.
	Johnson, Edith M.	22	Westford	Westford
Apr. 23,	Daly, Morris	35	Chelmsford	Ireland
	Morrison, Sarah	48	Westford	Ireland
Dec. 8,	Day, Alfred L.	22	Westford	Marlboro.
	Newell, Lillian E.	20	Littleton	Littleton
Oct. 19,	Dean, John H.	47	Canton	Charlestown
	Ferguson, Edith E.	41	Westford	P. Q.
June 15,	Decatur, John H.	25	Tewksbury	Westford
	Woodbury, Ethel H.	23	Westford	Westford
June 1,	Eaton, Charles A.	31	Westford	Winterport, Me.
	Nelson, Hilma M.	29	Lynn	Sweden
Apr. 22,	Eaton, Charles E.	42	Westford	Canada
	Dugdale, Jennie	40	Westford	England
June 30,	Hiller, Charles C. P.	37	Westford	Hudson, Mich.
	Norris, Phila A.	41	Dorchester	Hanover, N. H. .
June 2,	Humiston, Elliot F.	26	Westford	Westford
	Johnson, Emma G.	19	Westford	Littleton
Nov. 5,	Marchioni, Carlo	20	Westford	Italy
	Pivirato, Vergenia	27	Westford	Italy
Nov. 14,	Martin, Antoni	24	Westford	Canada
	Leclerc, Georgeana	21	Westford	Canada
Sept. 5,	Menot, Joseph	21	Westford	Canada
	Ricard, Dorila	22	Westford	Canada
Feb. 3,	Milot, Oscar	17	Westford	Canada
	Dupont, Philamene	17	Westford	Canada
Apr. 21,	Murphy, George E.	34	Westford	Westford
	Mannion, Hannora G.	27	Acton	Acton
Dec. 2,	Nelson, Nels A.	32	Westford	Sweden
	Lundberg, Ester	28	Westford	Sweden
Nov. 6,	Phillips, Norman A.	24	Woodstock, N.B.	N. B.
	Whitney, Susie E.	22	Westford	Westford
Sept. 24,	Piviratto, Manin	28	Westford	Italy
	Marchiani, Maria	24	Westford	Italy
Mar. 30,	Stuart, James W.	21	Westford	Tyngsboro
	Doucett, Ann	18	Westford	N. B.
Jan. 10,	Tesaro, Paolo	33	Westford	Italy
	Zanchi, Cecilia	22	Chelmsford	Italy
Sept. 26,	Wright, Walter F.	31	Boston	Roxbury
	Whitney, Mabel E.	29	Westford	Lowell
July 31,	Zauchi, Domenico	28	Westford	Italy
	Forziata, Maria	26	Chelmsford	Italy

Number of marriages recorded, 27.

Deaths.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD, A. D. 1904.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Dec. 3,	Allard, Josephine, wife of Edmond	27	0	13
Nov. 14,	Babbitt, Eliza A., daughter of Cyrus and Betsey (Lord)	69	7	25
Nov. 19,	Bunce, Emily L., wife of Augustus	67	3	3
Dec. 22,	Cahill, Mildred M., daughter of Michael and Dora E. (Wood) ..	0	0	1
Aug. 12,	Calvert, Frank, son of Frank A. and Agnes (Watson)	73	8	6
July 24,	Chamberlain, Kathrina W., wife of Charles A.	32	10	12
Sept. 8,	Clancey, Francis, son of John and Mary (Maguire)	79		
Jan. 26,	Cummings, Hezekiah son of Thomas and Lucinda (Wright)	76		
Apr. 7,	Cummings, Sarah P., widow of Artemas	66		28
Jan. 4,	Dane, Sarah, wife of Hiram	61	1	5
Jan. 1,	Davie, Alice, widow of John	54	11	24
Nov. 21,	Day, Chester A. W., son of Arthur E. and Margaret L. (Gunther) .		9	13
Oct. 30,	Draper, Joseph R., son of Joseph R. and Mary J. (Fuller)	42	8	
Sept. 7,	Fletcher, Charles H., son of Abijah and Louisa (Lawrence)	60	8	15
Nov. 30,	Frost, William E., son of Simeon and Serena (Foster)	61	11	24
Dec. 9,	Hardy, Elizabeth, widow of Alfred	78		4
May 11,	Hildreth, Mary A. L., daughter of Elijah and Isabella (Caldwell) .	86	1	11
May 3,	Kelley, Hannah F., widow of James	73	10	28
Nov. 18,	Laraia, James R., son of Joseph N. and Catherine (Roach)	7	11	
Sept. 25,	Leighton, Mary E., daughter of Amos R. and Helen W. (Howe) .	11	10	2
Aug. 18,	Le May, Zadel M., daughter of Joseph and Susie (Norman)		7	11
May 12,	McLenna, Alvin A., son of William H. and Deborah (Woods) .	65	3	14
Aug. 18,	Monahan, Anna M., widow of John	59		
July 26,	Montplaisir, Alexander, son of G. and Clarah (Shiney)	20	2	16
May 26,	Morena, Leonardo, son of Marco and Filomena (Cozza)	17	2	
July 28,	Neault, Joseph, son of Gaspard and Julie (Treal)	17	7	
Dec. 30,	Nutting, Benjamin F., son of Asa and Clarissa (Wilkins)	63		
Dec. 16,	Nutting, Susan E., wife of Benjamin F.	63	1	28
Feb. 11,	O'Brien, Margaret	70		
May 24,	Ore, Jennie, daughter of Robert and Jennie (McMurray)	4	6	7
Apr. 17,	Polley, Harriet M., wife of Alvin G.	69	4	
Nov. 4,	Prescott, Sarah, widow of Luther	72	9	22
Aug. 16,	Sears, Sophi L., wife of Joseph H.	37		
Dec. 23,	Sherman Caroline F., daughter of Daniel W. and Sarah A. (Farrow)	37	3	22
July 18,	Sullivan, Hannah, daughter of Jeremiah and Nancy (Mahoney) .	55		
Feb. 11,	Walker, Lydia D., widow of Josiah	93	2	26
Aug. 16,	Whitcomb, Margaret	62		
Jan. 24,	Woodbury, Ralph E. son of Alfred and Emma A. (Snow)	31	5	

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	17	25	42
Number of deaths in town	16	20	36
Residents of Westford	15	25	40

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record, or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 14.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve some trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

Number of dogs licensed during year ending November, 1904.

149 males at \$2.00	\$298 00
17 females at \$5.00	85 00
Total	\$383 00
Clerk's fees, 166 licenses at 20 cents	33 20

Balance paid into County Treasury	\$349 80
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Number of licenses since last return, November 30, 1904:
males, 12; females, 1; total 13.

Number returned by Assessors: Males, 138; females, 12; total 150.

Owners and keepers of dogs who have procured licenses since
last report, Feb. 20, 1904.

Abbot Alice C.	Martin Frederick
Balch Samuel H.	McCarthy, Robert J.
Banister Frank W.	McCoy Frederick L.
Blaisdell Alvin	McDonald Angus
Blodgett Fred R.	McDougall Alexander
Blood Napoleon B.	McGlinchey Michael L.
Bridgford Ralph	McMaster Harry C.
Burbeck John	Meades Dwight H.
Burke Dennis	Miller Frank
Burnham Arthur H.	Mountain George E.
Bussey George W.	Moore George C.
Butterworth William L.	Murphy Frank
Cameron Alexander A.	Murphy Henry J.
Cameron Donald M.	Murphy William
Cann Charles W.	Nesmith Harry L. (f.)
Carkin Warren E.	Nutting Benjamin F.

Carmichael James H. (m. & f.)	O'Brien George
Carmichael John Jr.	O'Brien James (2)
Champaign Georgie	O'Brien John W. (f.)
Clement William M.	O'Brien Johanna
Comey Arthur H.	Orange Abraham
Cummings Charles M.	Osgood Susan A.
Cummings Edward M.	Page Anna M.
Decatur Clarence R. P. (m. & f.)	Page Maria H. (f.)
Decatur Nathaniel J.	Payne James H. (f.)
Decatur William H. (m. & f.)	Perkins George
Delorenzo Celeste (2)	Polley Alvin G.
Desjardins Oliver	Prescott Albert
Desmond David	Prescott Lester
Downs Matthew F.	Provost Thomas N.
Drew Annie B.	Purcell Herman L.
Driscoll Michael D.	Pyne Olive
Edwards Charles	Quinn John
Edwards Frederick W.	Reddick Lincoln A. (f.)
Elliott Matthew	Reed Charles W. (2)
Feeny John	Richardson, Joseph T.
Fisher Alec	Salls Reuben
Fisher Grace	Sargent Charles G.
Flagg Elbert H.	Sargent Virginia M.
Fletcher Harry N (2)	Seifer William F.
Fletcher Herbert E.	Shorey Fred H. (f.)
Fletcher J. Herbert (m. & f.)	Shugrue Charles F.
Flynn John	Smith Charles P. (f.)
Gould Horace E.	Snow Fred L.
Green Rosie E.	Splaine John B. (m. & f.)
Gregory Frank	Stephens Reinhold
Greig John L.	Sullivan James P.
Gurney Henry A.	Swanson Noah
Hall John	Surat Marion
Harrington Daniel W.	Sweetser Judson F.
Harrington Henry P.	Sweetser Warren P.
Hayward Alfred J.	Toper Samuel
Healy Frank	Tuttle Aaron
Healy John A.	Valentine Mary
Healy Henry J.	Voyer Peter

Healy Stephen
Hildreth Charles W.
Hinckley Sylvanus E.
Houghton Henry
Hunt Edward
Irish George F. (f.)
Jarvis Everett P. (f.)
Jesson Thomas
Jenkins Louis
Jenne Albert E.
Kabele Henry M.
Kendrick George W. (f.)
Kimball George A.
Knight Joseph E.
Larkin Thomas J.
Lawton Luther (1903-4)
Leighton Amos R.
LeMay Joseph

Ward John E.
Wayne William
Whidden Elmer H.
Whigham William
Whitney Arthur
Whitney George W. (f.)
Whitney Sidney D.
Wilkerson Lizzie
Wilson James
Wilson T. Arthur E.
Woods William L.
Wright Flora M.
Wright Frank C.
Wright Hamnet D.
Wright Sidney B.
Wyman George W.
Wyman Walter W.
York Mabel C.

Annual Town Meeting, March 21, 1904.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, March 21, 1904, the following business was transacted:—

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator.

William R. Taylor and Joseph Wall, appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipts therefor. John M. Fletcher and T. Arthur Wilson, appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, having been sworn took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register was placed at zero. The polls were declared open at 8.15 A. M. and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and on the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls, and Amos R. Leighton and Walter J. Merritt were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing such ballots; they being sworn by the Town Clerk. It was voted to hold the polls open until 1.15 P. M.

At 1.15 P. M. the polls were declared to be closed. The register stood at 353. Number of names checked on the ballot clerks' list and ballot box list was: Males, 352; female, 1; total, 353.

Number of ballots cast: Males, 352; female, 1, total, 353.

2. Voted to take up the remaining articles of the Warrant.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.

4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

6. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the School Committee as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed, and that the sum of \$150.00 be appropriated for the purchase of books and periodicals, and the sum of \$396.00 be appropriated for the purchase of book stacks.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated for the purposes specified therein.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

10. Voted to permit Homer M. Seavey and Amos B. Colley to withdraw their names from the list of jurors submitted by the Selectmen.

Voted to add the name of James Spinner to the list.

Voted to accept the list of jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and as amended by the prior vote. The list is as follows:—Augustine W. Carkin, quarryman; Ernest H. Dane, painter; Quincy W. Day, farmer; Asa B. M. Eastman, farmer; Elbert H. Flagg, farmer; John M. Fletcher, merchant; Edwin E. Heywood, farmer; Frank H. Hildreth, farmer; George E. Jenkins, farmer; George A. Kimball, farmer; Joseph E. Knight, wheelwright; Henry J. Murphy, farmer; Elmer E. Nutting, machinist; Charles E. Osgood, carpenter; Judson A. Parsons, farmer; Nathan Prescott, painter; Nelson L. Prescott, farmer; James Spinner, gardener; Charles M. Trull, clerk; Almon S. Vose, farmer; Joseph Wall, painter; Walter A. Whidden, farmer; John Wilson, farmer; J. Everett Woods, farmer; Alfred Woodbury, farmer.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. on the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00, and to appropriate \$1,000.00 in addition thereto for the repair of roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for town debts and charges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for public schools, and to appropriate \$100.00 additional for the teaching of music in the schools.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 to pay tuition of high school scholars, residents of the town, at Westford Academy.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for support of the poor.

17. Voted to appropriate \$600.00 for the purchase of school text books and supplies.

18. Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, and payable therefrom.

19. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and collect the same according to law. There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed of five per cent. if paid on or before October 1, and three per cent. if paid on or before December 1 next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the account of the Tax Collector within three days after the first days of October and December, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received on or before the fifth days of October and December, and furthermore, the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February. And the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July 1 next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes with a list of persons assessed, with their places of abode, within five days after the said first day of July.

20. Chose the following officers by hand vote: Field Drivers, Samuel L. Taylor, John A. Healy, Waldo F. Prescott. Fence Viewers, Augustus Bruce, Almon S. Vose, Alvin G. Polley. Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber, Horace E. Gould, Willard H. Beebe, Alonzo H. Sutherland, David Desmond, Clarence R. P. Decatur, John A.

Healy, Samuel L. Taylor, Charles A. Blodgett, Thomas E. Symmes, Waldo F. Prescott, William W. Johnson, Michael L. McGlinchey.

21. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 to commemorate Memorial Day.

22. Voted that the sum of \$25.00 be appropriated for the distribution of books from the Public Library, in Parkerville.

23. Voted that the sum of \$75.00 be appropriated for the distribution of books from the Public Library, in the Villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Brookside.

24. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to act as the agent of the town in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year.

25. Voted that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated for the purpose of suppressing the liquor traffic in town.

26. Voted that the town discontinue the employment of counsel by the year.

27. Voted that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated and that the Selectmen be authorized to offer that amount as a reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in town.

28. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and instructed to investigate and report at the next annual meeting the advisability of purchasing snow rollers.

29. The votes having been counted, the following named were found, and declared to be elected to the respective offices:

Selectman—Alec Fisher.

Assessor—George H. Hartford.

Overseer of the Poor—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Town Treasurer—Nahum H. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—Hugh F. Leith.

Constables—Samuel H. Balch, John A. Healy.

School Committee—John C. Abbot, Albert R. Choate.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—Catharine A. Kebler.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—Melbourne F. Hutchins.

Tree Warden—James Spinner.

“Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?”—Yes, 117; No, 193; Blanks, 42.

The ballots used and unused were enclosed in separate envelopes, as also the voting lists, sealed and duly endorsed as required by law, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

30 voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

31 voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 8, 1904.

Party Designations. R, Republican; D, Democrat; P, Prohibition; P P, People's Party; S, Socialist; S L, Socialist Labor.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Whole number of votes cast	184	147	56	387

President and Vice-President.

Corregan and Cox (S L)	0	1	0	1
Debs and Hanford (S)	1	1	0	2
Parker and Davis (D)	37	36	13	86
Roosevelt and Fairbanks (R)	134	94	37	265
Swallow and Carroll (P)	6	3	0	9
Watson and Tibbles (P P).....	0	1	0	1

Governor.

John Quincy Adams of Amesbury (S)	1	1	0	2
John L. Bates of Boston (R).....	126	67	36	229
Michael T. Berry of Lynn (S L).....	0	1	0	1
Oliver W. Cobb of Easthampton (P)	4	3	0	7
William L. Douglas of Brockton (D)	43	71	17	131
Blanks	10	4	3	17

Lieutenant-Governor.

Olof Bokelund of Worcester (S)	2	2	0	4
John C. Crosby of Pittsfield (D)	33	53	13	99
Frank P. Dyer of Arlington (P)	5	3	1	9
Curtis Guild, jr. of Boston (R)	131	76	36	243
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke (S L)	0	0	0	0
Blanks	13	13	6	32

Secretary.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
James A. Bresnahan of Cambridge (S L) ..	0	0	0	0
Fannie J. Clary of Williamsburg (P)	4	2	0	6
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware (S)	1	2	0	3
Henry B. Little of Newburyport (D)	28	40	12	80
William M. Olin of Boston (R)	129	78	36	243
Blanks	22	25	8	55

Treasurer.

Herbert C. Bartlett of Fitchburg (S)	1	2	1	4
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke (R)	127	80	33	240
Edmund D. Codman of Boston (D)	30	42	11	83
Andrew Mortensen of Somerville (S L) ..	1	0	0	1
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly (P)	6	3	0	9
Blanks	19	20	11	50

Auditor.

Charles E. Burnham of Worcester (P)	5	2	0	7
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester (S L)	0	1	0	1
Charles Stevens of Plymouth (S)	1	1	1	3
Francis X. Tetrault of Southbridge (D) ..	29	41	10	80
Henry E. Turner of Malden (R)	129	80	34	243
Blanks	20	22	11	53

Attorney-General.

Henry M. Dean of Hyde Park (P)	4	3	1	8
John P. Leahy of Boston (D)	28	43	11	82
Herbert Parker of Lancaster (R)	125	78	31	234
John Weaver Sherman of Boston (S)	2	1	1	4
Thomas Stevenson of New Bedford (S L) 0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	25	22	12	59

Representatives in Congress, Fourth District.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Marcus A. Coolidge of Fitchburg (D) ...	37	43	14	94
John F. Mullen of Clinton (S)	1	2	1	4
Charles Q. Tirrell of Natick (R)	124	71	35	230
Blanks	22	31	6	59

Councillor, Sixth District.

John E. Brennan of Malden (S)	2	2	1	5
John F. O'Brien of Lowell (D)	28	41	13	82
Walter Scott Watson of Lowell (R)	123	67	33	223
Blanks	31	37	9	77

Senator, Sixth Middlesex District.

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington (R)	123	67	34	224
Peter B. Murphy of Ayer (D)	27	43	12	82
Blanks	34	37	10	81

Representative in General Court, Twenty-third
Middlesex District.

M. Henry Chrystal of Ayer (D)	33	41	13	87
Waldo E. Conant of Littleton (R)	121	72	31	224
Blanks	30	34	12	76

County Commissioner.

Francis Bigelow of Natick (R)	123	70	34	227
Charles F. Drury of Natick (S)	2	1	1	4
James E. Kelley of Wilmington (D)	30	39	11	80
Horace Hamblett of Westford	0	0	1	1
Blanks	29	37	9	75

Associate Commissioners.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec 3	Total
Laughlin Cameron of Malden (S)	3	5	1	9
Embert E. Hopkins of Cambridge (S)....	3	5	1	9
David T. Strange of Stoneham (R)	104	58	29	191
Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn (R) 96		52	25	173
Blanks	162	174	56	392

District Attorney.

John J. Devine of Lowell (D)	30	37	13	80
Squire E. Putney of Somerville (S)	1	3	1	5
George A. Sanderson of Ayer (R)	127	75	32	234
Blanks	26	32	10	68

Sheriff.

Frederick Bancroft of Reading (D)	34	39	10	83
John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge (R)	125	74	33	232
John L. Mulholland of Somerville (S) ...	1	2	1	4
Blanks	24	32	12	68

Return of votes for Representative in General Court for Middlesex District, No. 23.

	Acton	Ayer	Little- ton	Shir- ley	West- ford	Total
Waldo E. Conant of Littleton..	247	234	152	115	224	972
M. Henry Chrystal of Ayer...	73	190	29	58	87	437
Blanks	64	64	22	54	76	280
Whole number of ballots	384	488	203	227	387	1689

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden of Westford submits the following report:

The work of the Tree Warden during the past year has been principally the removal of fallen branches and limbs which were in a dangerous condition and a menace to the safety of people using the highways.

Permission has been granted for the trimming or removal of trees whenever it has seemed advisable to do so.

In January, a meeting of the Selectmen was held for the purpose of deciding upon the best method of exterminating the brown-tail moth. The plan which some other towns have adopted, of paying a bounty for the nests, was not looked upon favorably, and it was agreed upon that the best work could be done with the least expense to the town by paying men by the day to do the work thoroughly.

The work is about half completed and more than ten thousand nests have been collected.

JAMES SPINNER.

February 15, 1905.

Tree Warden.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., February 6, 1905.

As Sealer of Westford I submit the following report for 1904:—

Number of hay scales	7
Number of platform scales	21
Number of spring balances	5
Number of counter scales	28
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Total	61

WINE MEASURES.

One gallon measures	8
Two quart measures	8
One quart measures	6
One pint measure	1
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Total	23

W. H. H. BURBECK,
Sealer.

Assessor's Report.

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1	\$747,117 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1	451,902 00
Value of personal estate	398,965 00
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	\$1,597,984 00

AMOUNT RAISED.

Repair of roads and bridges	\$3,000 00	
Town debts and charges	3,000 00	
Public schools	6,000 00	
Tuition of scholars at Westford Academy	1,500 00	
Support of poor	1,000 00	
Library note	500 00	
State note, with interest	1,292 00	
	<hr/>	\$16,292 00
State tax	\$1,525 00	
County tax	2,061 68	
Highway tax	42 78	
Additional tax	33 20	
Overlaying tax	610 30	
	<hr/>	\$20,564 96

Number of Polls	678
Horses	412
Cows	758
Sheep	7
Neat Cattle	236
Swine	58
Fowls	2,250
Houses	490
Tax on one hundred dollars	\$1 20

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall	\$14,000 00
Public Library	26,000 00
Town Farm	7,000 00
Public Parks	1,500 00
Cemeteries	1,500 00
Centre Schoolhouse	3,500 00
Stony Brook School House	1,500 00
Forge Village School House	3,800 00
Nashoba School House	1,500 00
Parkerville School House	1,800 00
Minot's Corner School House	1,500 00
Nabnassett School House	1,500 00
Long Sought For School House	1,600 00
Wright School House	1,500 00
Graniteville School House	4,500 00
Fire Apparatus	350 00
Trust funds	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$75,050 00

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1902.

Porter, John	\$2 00	
Ward, Daniel	3 76	
	<hr/>	\$5 76

1903.

Anderson Carl	\$2 00
Bilaski Koenstan	2 00
Buckley William	2 00
Brown John S.	2 00
Billings Harper	2 00
Coleman William	2 00
Curtis John	2 00
Dempsey Daniel	2 00
Deceague Joseph	2 00
Deseauteau Mack	2 00
Eastdale Robert	2 00
Gassett Ira	2 00
Gignanc Moses	2 00
Girard Henry	2 00
Hagberg John	2 00
Hymen Alec	2 00
Hanks Charles	2 00
Hermanson Herman	2 00
Harrington Charles E.	2 00
Jelski John	2 00
Johnson Frank E.	2 00
Johnson Andrew, 2nd	2 00
Kunti Otto	2 00
Kinsey Nichols	2 00
Lavally Henry L.	2 00
McGrath William	2 00
Moran Frank	2 00

Amount carried forward..... \$54.00

Amount brought forward	\$54.00	
Milott Henry	2 00	
Millott Odilion	2 00	
Millott Severn	2 00	
Milott Joseph	2 00	
Mozier William	2 00	
Mardivini Oboudion	2 00	
Murphy Michael	2 00	
Madden John J.	2 00	
Mills Herbert	2 00	
Hutchins George	2 00	
Samboli J.	2 00	
Smith Jefferson	2 00	
Sherman George E.	2 00	
Tousignant Elmer	2 00	
Taylor James	2 00	
Voto Simon	2 00	
West George W.	2 00	
Wood Richard	4 80	
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		\$92 80

1904.

Atwood Caroline Mrs.	\$7 51	
Atwood C. S.	76	
Atwood Mary	76	
Atwood Lillian	76	
Bellanger Joseph	2 00	
Drew Frank C.	1 20	
Dutton Edward	1 50	
Dodge & Heywood	1 20	
Fletcher Charles H.	90	
Fletcher J. Herbert	1 20	
Frederic S. D. Mrs.	6 00	
Frazier Thomas	2 00	
Gagnon Henry	2 00	
Hill George W.	2 00	
Howard George E.	2 00	

Amount carried forward \$31 79

Amount brought forward	\$31 79	
Jasmine Paul	4 80	
Kelly Georgiana Mrs.	1 90	
Kenhi Watson	2 00	
Marchioni Carl	2 00	
McDonald Alexander	1 20	
Nichols Moses G.	2 00	
Revinski Stanilaus	2 00	
Reed William, 2nd	36	
Sherman David	60	
Shugrue Charles Estate	26 38	
Smith Sarah A. Mrs.	6 00	
Wayne John	19 70	
Carkin Nancy S. Mrs.	6 00	
Knowles Samuel	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$108 73

SUMMARY.

Abatement of taxes, 1902	\$5 76	
1903	92 80	
1904	108 73	
	<hr/>	\$207 29

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HARTFORD,
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
J. W. FLETCHER,

Assessors of Westford.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNCOLLECTED FEB. 25, 1905.

1903.

Alfred S. Davis estate	\$18 78
Nathaniel Decatur	3 20
Samuel Fletcher estate	131 52
William W. Johnson	24 02
William H. Johnson	2 00
Selden W. Kimball	5 58
Mrs. Honora O'Brien	51 06
Charles F. Shugrue	21 59
William E. Symmes	13 52
Charles H. Whitney	2 00
Mrs. Sarah F. Whitney	26 70
George W. Whitney	2 00
Mrs Ida Voter	7 20
Isaac S. Wright	3 00
Frank A. Fletcher	6 42
Paid since audit	3 98

\$322 57

1904.

John Ahoe	\$2 00
Guy Anderson	2 00
Henry Anderson	2 00
Alec Anderson	2 00
Carl Anderson	2 00
Thomas Bartlett	2 00
James T. Benney	2 00

Amount carried forward \$14 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$14 00
Alvin J. Blaisdell	49 40
Harry Blodgett	2 00
Fred Boucher	2 00
John Boyd	4 70
William Brady	2 00
George P. Campbell	2 00
John F. Coburn	2 00
Charles Connell	2 00
John A. Connell	2 00
Mrs. Walter H. Cummings estate	9 00
Irving T. Cummings	2 00
William Curren	2 00
Mrs. William Curren estate	15 84
Alfred O. Davis	2 00
Alfred S. Davis estate	18 54
C. R. P. Decatur	25 52
Nathaniel J. Decatur	2 60
Olivia De Rosea	2 00
Bartelo Del Favero	2 00
Oliver De Laurin	2 00
Samuel N. Eaton	2 00
James Elliott	2 00
Hans A. Engholm	2 00
Samuel Fletcher estate	134 52
Neil Fletcher	2 00
Charles Fomen	2 00
Thomas Foy	2 00
Michael Garity	9 02
David Gadared	2 00
John Gibbs	2 00
Matthias Goggin	2 00
Angello Grazianlo	2 00
Albert W. Gurney	2 00
James M. Harrington	2 00
Thomas Hammond ...	2 00
Joseph Herveux	2 00
Mark W. Jenkins	18 26
Amount carried forward.....	\$355 40

Amount brought forward.....	\$355 40
William W. Johnson	23 36
William H. Johnson	2 00
Knut Johnson	2 00
W. Kevlich	2 00
Luther Lawton	12 26
Alfred Langlois	2 00
Raoul Langlois	2 00
Michael Lahey	2 00
William A. Lapage	2 00
Hiram Leland	3 50
Felix LeClaire	2 00
Napoleon LeClaire	2 00
Louis LeClaire	2 00
Joseph LeClaire	2 00
Joseph Marshall	56 30
Daniel May	30
Kustie Mackey	2 00
Alec Merrill	2 00
Herbert H. Mills	2 00
Frank E. Miller	2 30
Mrs. Lillian Miller	13 44
Joseph McCarty	2 00
Charles H. McCulloch	2 00
Clarence E. McCall	2 00
Frank D. McGlinchey	2 00
James McZoly	2 00
Thomas J. Murphy	2 00
Jelmus Niburg	2 00
Jacob Nostumen	2 00
Mrs. Honora O'Brien	47 10
Abraham Orange	2 00
Frank A. V. Phelps	2 00
Felix Proux	2 00
Frank Quinn	2 00
Willard T. Reed	2 00
Joseph T. Richardson	2 36
Vincent Ross	2 00

Amount carried forward \$572 32

Amount brought forward	\$572 33
E. J. Sampson	3 20
Mattie Salo	2 00
John Schlon	2 00
John Schline	2 00
Joseph H. Sears	2 00
Mrs. Charles Shugrue	25 03
Judson F. Shaw	13 20
George J. Sherburne	2 84
Martin Shavler	2 00
Daniel H. Sheahan	1 09
Frank Smith	2 00
Richard F. Sullivan	2 00
Nathaniel Sweetser estate	4 80
Otto Swanson	2 00
William E. Symmes	13 40
Fletcher Symmes	7 40
John E. Ward	2 24
Daniel Ward	12 78
Charles H. Whitney	2 00
George W. Whitney	2 00
Mrs. Sarah F. Whitney	25 32
George H. Wilkerson	2 00
Joseph D. Wilkerson estate	1 20
Gilman F. Wright	24 80
Everett E. Wright	2 00
Willey M. Wright	2 00
Mrs. Willey M. Wright	7 80
Walter W. Wyman	2 30
Mrs. Ida Wyman estate	7 80
Abel C. Whittier	70 80
Tony Ziquinti	2 00
Isaac S. Wright estate	3 00
Mrs. Ida Voter	7 20
Mrs. Thomas Sheahan	96
Willisted & Marinell	4 08
Albert M. Spaulding	4 80
John D. Cartwright	3 60
Amount carried forward	\$849 36

Amount brought forward.....	\$849 96
Frank A. Fletcher	6 42
Otis S. Caldwell	90
Charles Crevier	2 40
M. M. Doyle	4 80
Mrs. Sarah Ellen Bancroft	11 70
Paid since audit	21 30
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	\$897 56

L. W. WHEELER, Collector.

Selectmen's Report.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Treasurer.

Nahum H. Wright, salary	\$100 00	
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expenses	36 25	
		<hr/> \$136 25

Town Clerk.

Edward Fisher, salary	\$12 00	
Recording 44 births at 50 cents each ...	22 00	
18 marriages at 20 cents each	3 60	
30 deaths at 20 cents each ..	6 00	
Services at State election	5 00	
Attending Town Clerks' meeting at Ayer	3 00	
Making out report	5 00	
Postage and stationery	68	
		<hr/> \$57 28

Selectmen.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary	\$5 00	
Making out State Aid Book	6 00	
Making out 12 State Aid returns under Chapter 79, Revised Law	3 00	
Making out Town Report	15 00	
Time and expense on highways	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman	30 00	
Time perambulating Town lines between Chelmsford and Westford	3 00	
		<hr/> \$87 00

Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	\$5 00	
Time and expense on highways	25 00	
Extra time as Selectman	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$80 00

Alec Fisher, salary	\$5 00	
Time and expense on highways	10 00	
Extra time as Selectman	10 00	
Time perambulating Town lines between Chelmsford and Westford	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 00

Auditor.

Hugh F. Leith	\$35 00
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Assessors.

George H. Hartford, 40 days taking invoice, making taxes and copying book for state	\$100 00	
Samuel L. Taylor, 27 days taking invoice and making taxes	67 50	
J. Willard Fletcher, 26 days taking invoice and making taxes	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$232 50

Tax Collector.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$19,493.86 at 1 per cent.	\$194 94	
Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$365.97, taxes of 1901-02 at 4 per cent.	14 63	
Aetna Indemnity Co., collector's bond ..	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$249 57

Constable.

J. A. Healy, posting warrants, 1904	\$3 00	
J. A. Healy, posting warrants	3 00	
J. A. Healy, notifying delinquent dog owners	10 00	
J. A. Healy, services and expenses	56 10	
	<hr/>	\$72 10

Registrars of Voters.

Nelson L. Tuttle, nine meetings	\$18 00	
Quincy Day, nine meetings	18 00	
Alfred Woodbury, eight meetings	16 00	
Edward Fisher, nine meetings	18 00	
Edward Fisher, Clerk of Board	10 00	
J. A. Healy, use of hall for meeting of Registrars	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$82 50

Cattle Inspector.

George T. Day	\$60 00	
Received from State \$30.00		
Edward Fisher, Inspector of Meat	39 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 00

Town Counsel.

Burke & Corbett, from Feb. 17, 1902, to Feb. 17, 1904	\$200 00	
Edward Fisher, from March, 1904, to March, 1905	49 24	
	<hr/>	\$249 24

Truant Officer.

J. A. Healy, services 1902, 1903, 1904...	\$25 00	
J. A. Healy, extra time	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$28 00

Precinct Officers, Ballot Clrks, Tellers, Etc.

Precinct One.

W. R. Taylor, Ballot Clerk, March, 1904	\$2 00	
Joe Wall, Inspector, March, 1904	2 00	
John M. Fletcher, Teller, March and July, 1903	4 00	
John M. Fletcher, Clerk, November, 1903	3 00	
John M. Fletcher, Teller, March, 1904 ..	2 00	
Walter J. Merritt, Warden, November, 1904	4 00	
Walter J. Merritt, Teller, March, 1904 ..	1 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck, Inspector, November, 1904	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$21 00

Precinct Two.

Hammett D. Dwight, Ballot Clerk	\$4 00	
Walter C. Wright, Clerk	4 00	
J. A. Healy, moving ballot box	3 00	
J. A. Healy, lead pencils	10	
J. A. Healy, use of hall	3 00	
T. D. Riney, Warden, November, 1904..	4 00	
A. R. Wall, Deputy Inspector	2 00	
Hammett D. Wright, Deputy Inspector..	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$22 10

Precinct Three.

Henry B. Read, Inspector, November, 1902	\$2 00	
Henry B. Read, Inspector, November, 1903	2 00	
W. R. Taylor, Ballot Clerk, November, 1903	4 00	
M. L. McGlinchey, Warden, November, 1904	4 00	
L. A. Reddick, moving ballot box, 1903, 1904	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$17 00

Tree Warden.

James Spinner, services	\$10 00	
James Spinner, extra work	50	
O. R. Spalding, removing elm tree near old Academy	25 00	
Albert Heywood, 7 days gathering brown-tail moths' nests	10 50	
Sidney W. Wright, 4 1-2 days gathering brown-tail moths' nests	6 75	
	<hr/>	\$52 75

Undertakers.

Albert P. Richardson, attending 4 funerals	\$8 00	
Albert P. Richardson, 2 permits	50	
George E. Gould, attending 12 funerals..	24 00	
George E. Gould, making 11 returns	2 75	
	<hr/>	\$35 25

School Committee.

H. E. Richardson, Superintendent	\$800 00	
H. E. Richardson, postage and stationery	10 00	
H. E. Richardson, hiring teachers	7 22	
H. M. Seavey, making Town and State Reports	10 00	
H. M. Seavey, school census, labor, and agent of supplies.....	74 35	
C. E. Whidden, freight and express	31 64	
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Town Common.

George E. Jenkins, care of common and flag	\$25 00
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Overseers of Poor.

By orders (See Overseers' report)	\$1193 42
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Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services	\$25 00
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SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS AND ARTICLES
FURNISHED.

Centre School—Two Schools.

Aaron Tuttle, labor and supplies	\$35 89
Hugh Ferguson, labor and stock	64 30
Brownell & Mason, furnace and labor setting	320 00
A. H. Sutherland, shingles	3 15
H. H. Wilder & Co. as per bill	14 26
Adams & Co., 1 basket	90
Hiram Dane, glass and setting same....	2 82
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	9 73
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	\$451 05

Stony Brook School.

Hugh A. Ferguson, labor and stock	\$12 90
Joe Wall, labor and stock	42 80
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	68
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	\$56 38

Forge Village School.

Chamberlain & Co., labor and stock ...	\$31 80
H. R. Barker Mfg. Co. as per bill	13 83
J. A. Healy, cleaning vault	5 00
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	1 00
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	\$51 63

Nashoba School.

H. A. Ferguson, labor	\$5 80
E. H. Flagg, labor	1 50
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	35
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	\$7 65

Parkerville School-House.

C. E. Osgood, labor	\$2 10	
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	1 30	
	<hr/>	\$3 40

Minot's Corner School-House.

J. E. Knight, glass and setting same ..	\$2 25	
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	35	
	<hr/>	\$2 60

Nabnasset School-House.

C. R. P. Decatur, labor	\$3 00	
George H. Holt, repairing pump	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$5 00

Graniteville School-House.

Grant Jewelry Co., repairing 4 clocks....	\$6 00	
P. Henry Harrington, labor and supplies	13 45	
P. Henry Harrington, labor and stock (on account of fire)	223 81	
Henry J. Healy, labor and team	13 44	
Joe Wall, labor	60 00	
Frank Loftus, labor	5 40	
Frank L. Fletcher as per bill	85	
Henry S. Bemis as per bill	61	
J. A. Healy, cleaning vault, repairing and grading	23 65	
Walter C. Wright as per bill	2 15	
John Callaghan, castings, etc.	33 21	
	<hr/>	\$382 57

Eighth Grade School.

Hugh A. Ferguson, labor	\$2 50	
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	15	
	<hr/>	\$2 65

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$375 40	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	69 81	
American Book Co.	47 12	
Ginn & Co.	68 20	
Longmans, Green & Co.	13 15	
Ed. Publishing Co.	8 67	
Eagle Pencil Co.	7 50	
Milton Bradley Co.	7 36	
Public School Publishing Co.	4 65	
Boston Music Co.	4 16	
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	3 40	
Blanche L. Samuels	2 50	
Rumford Supply Co.	2 30	
B. M. Weaver	2 10	
Birchard & Co.	1 50	
School Music Monthly	71	
J. & I. E. Moore	7 40	
H. M. Seavey	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$633 73

LIBRARY.

The Snead & Co. Iron Works, 2 steel stacks	\$396 00
Appropriation, \$396.00.	

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Mary P. Bunce, librarian, Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905	\$235 00
Mary P. Bunce, cash paid for freight and express, extra work, etc.	40 79
Ai Bicknell, janitor from Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905	100 00
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Amount carried forward	\$375 79

Amount brought forward.....	\$375 79	
Ai Bicknell, cutting wood and extra work	7 50	
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co. as per bill ..	51 61	
Thomas Lawler as per bill	3 10	
Sherman H. Fletcher, 500 stamped envelopes	10 60	
Wright & Fletcher, 41,880 lbs. coal	137 41	
N. J. Decatur, sawing wood	4 00	
F. A. Frost & Co., printing	4 60	
C. H. Miner, labor	50	
W. E. MacBride, painting	48 60	
A. H. Sutherland, labor and stock	7 45	
C. F. Hatch, trays	3 00	
O. R. Spalding, wood	14 50	
Wright & Fletcher, lawn mower, lawn dressing. etc.	19 55	
	<hr/>	\$688 21

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

W. H. H. Burbeck, delivering and collecting books	\$75 00
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PRINTING.

Courier-Citizen Co., stamped envelopes	\$12 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 700 copies Town Reports and 50 copies of School Reports	180 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 25 copies warrants	5 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 25 specimen ballots.	7 50
Courier-Citizen Co., 540 official ballots..	4 50
Courier-Citizen Co., 60 official ballots, School Committee	1 75
F. A. Frost & Co., printing	2 00
The Wakefield Daily Item, printing 25 notices	1 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$213 75

Amount brought forward.....	\$213 75	
Edward Fisher, paid cash for stamped envelopes	10 60	
S. H. Fletcher, stamped envelopes	31 80	
C. A. Chamberlain, printing notices, letter heads, tax bills, tax lists, etc ...	59 50	
Courier-Citizen Co., printing posters ...	2 25	
	<hr/>	\$317 90

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$50 00
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EXPENSE OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

J. A. Healy, typewritten copy of evidence in Gardell case	\$5 00	
J. A. Healy, Wade case	12 50	
J. A. Healy, Reed case	11 07	
J. A. Healy, Redick case	6 21	
J. A. Healy, Monroe case	9 60	
	<hr/>	\$44 38
Received from fines, \$41.97.		

INSURANCE.

Liverpool & London & Globe Ins. Co., \$2,500, Centre School	\$75 00
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TOWN HOUSE.

Ai Bicknell, janitor, from Feb. 1, 1904, to April 7, 1904	\$18 50	
Joseph Sears, janitor, from April 7, 1904, to Feb. 7, 1905	80 00	
Joseph Sears, cleaning	25 00	
H. H. Wilder & Co. as per bill	2 20	
A. H. Sutherland, labor and stock	7 00	
	<hr/>	\$132 70
Amount carried forward		

Amount brought forward	\$132 70	
George W. Kenrick, 1 cord pine wood ..	4 00	
Brownell & Mason, 1 grate bar	2 75	
Pratt & Forest, lumber	3 25	
M. J. Wood, sawing wood	2 00	
J. H. Fletcher, oil, soap, etc.	10 78	
O. R. Spalding, 2 cords sawed wood.....	11 00	
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	18 02	
	<hr/>	\$184 50

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory	\$175 00	
Rent of building	97 00	
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SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

James A. Graham, Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905	\$96 00	
G. A. Hood, Feb. 1, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1905	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$144 00

BURIAL DECEASED SOLDIERS.

George Gould, burial of Charles McClenna	\$35 00
\$35 to be refunded by State.	

STATE AID.

To soldiers and sailors and families of same as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From Jan. 1, 1904, to Jan. 1, 1905	\$672 00
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PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By order \$200 00
 See Commissioners' report.

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

As the guide posts and guide boards have been found to be in very good condition, no repairs have been made during the past year. A few new ones will be needed during the coming year.

EXPENSE OF REPAIRING BRIDGE AT BROOKSIDE.

This bill was contracted in 1901, at which time the bridge was found to be defective. George C. Moore was authorized by the Selectmen to repair the same. The bill represents the actual cost of the stone only, Mr. Moore making no charge for labor or services, for laying the stone, raising and grading the road.

To 344 cubic yards of stone at \$6.00 per
 cubic yard \$2,064 00

FOREST FIRES AND OTHER FIRES.

The following fires have occurred during the past year with estimated damage by the Forest Fire Wards.

1904.	Name of Land Owners.	No. of Acres.	Damage
April 24—	N. B. Edwards' heirs	25	\$150 00
	24—H. E. Fletcher & Co.	5	25 00
	24—C. J. Willstad	8	40 00
	24—Drake heirs	25	125 00
	24—George Gray	12	60 00
	24—Lahey	25	125 00
	24—Charles Carlin	6	30 00
	24—Charles Marinell	20	100 00
	24—J. D. Cartwright	20	100 00

1904.	Name of Land Owners.	No. of Acres.	Damage.
	13—Julian A. Cameron	1-4	100 00
May	1—B. & M. R. R.	1-8	5 00
	5—J. A. Healy	1-2	10 00
July	6—J. A. Healy	3	12 00
Sept.	10—Mrs. William Reade	1-2	5 00
April	—T. O. Sullivan	5	50 00

FIRES—DWELLING HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

1904.

- July 5—House, barn and shed of John Wayne at Westford.
Cause of fire, defective chimney. Value of buildings, \$1,300.00. Insurance, \$1,050.00.
- May 15—Abbot Worsted Co., house occupied by Edward Defoe.
Defective chimney burned out. No damage.

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE HAS OCCURRED:

C. W. Carkin and others, expense on	
Oak Hill fire	5 00
John Marinel, expense on Oak Hill fire..	17 60
T. O. Sullivan, expense on fire near	
Parkerville	3 00
H. V. Hildreth, expense on H. N. Fletcher fire	2 00
J. A. Healy, Fire Warden, expense on several fires	18 30
O. R. Spalding, Fire Warden, expense .	3 00
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	\$48 90

GENERAL EXPENSES.

S. H. Fletcher, postage for mailing Town Reports	\$21 60
F. E. Varney, M. D., return of 8 births for 1903	2 00
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Amount carried forward	\$23 60

Amount brought forward.....	\$23 60
George E. Gould, repair of hearse	1 00
John O'Brian, serving dinner for town officers '.....	2 00
C. E. Whidden, freight and express	10 10
Joseph R. Draper, M. D., return of 12 births	3 00
J. A. Healy, 2 constable badges	2 50
Oren Cooledge estate, storing town tools	2 00
Henry B. Read, appraising property at Town Farm, 1904	2 00
C. H. Miner, blacksmithing	3 80
Charles A. Eveleth as per bill	2 00
M. F. Downes, cutting brush etc., 1903..	266 45
E. A. Roberts as per bill	1 25
The Wakefield Daily Item, 1 abatement book	1 00
George W. Southworth, Assessors' can- vassing books	3 83
P. B. Murphy, 200 dog license blanks...	1 75
C. B. Coburn & Co., rope for flag	1 21
Hobbs & Warren, 1 Assessors' book, blanks and pens	4 28
Bartlett & Dow, tools	5 25
Thatcher & Ireland, powder, etc.	1 92
F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	12 16
S. E. Hanscome, box chalk	75
N. H. Wright, blank books, etc.	3 42
John M. Fletcher, appraising at Town Farm, 1904, and making out report.	3 00
John Feeney, repair of harnesses, etc. ...	15 90
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., return of 19 births	4 75
C. H. Hanson & Co., commission selling horses	9 75
C. H. Hanson & Co., halter	25
J. A. Healy as per bill	10 75
Wright & Fletcher, drain pipe	196 95
Amount carried forward	\$596 62

Amount brought forward	\$596 62	
Staples Bros., drain pipe	12 96	
Henry Bemis as per bill	1 35	
Use of telephone for town officers	3 84	
Wright & Fletcher as per bill	9 66	
Wright & Fletcher, food for election officers	4 85	
Wright & Fletcher, postage, etc. for town officers	4 94	
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., tools	8 05	
C. A. Chamberlain as per bill	1 05	
J. A. Healy, blacksmithing	12 75	
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		\$656 07

REPORT OF SELECTMEN IN REGARD TO PURCHAS- ING A SNOW ROLLER.

After consulting both personally and by letter with Selectmen of various towns having experience with snow rollers, they are unanimous in opinion that by using such rollers an excellent road is made, varying from 12 to 15 feet in width. To accomplish this it requires six horses to draw the roller, and where deep drifts are encountered the snow has to be shoveled out the full width of the roller before passing. On this account it would seem to be an impractical method of breaking roads except on main highways and in villages.

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The bills show what months they were paid, but not in all cases, the month the work or expense occurred.

APRIL.

B. F. Day, labor	\$7 50	
Angus McDonald, Superintendent	34 64	
Angus McDonald, team	54 00	
Angus McDonald, 1 man 3 days	4 50	
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Amount carried forward	\$100 64	

Amount brought forward.....	\$100 64	
William Perkins, labor	12 75	
Oscar Milot, labor	26 25	
George H. Whitney, labor	16 50	
Joseph Wilkerson, labor	20 25	
Charles Reed, labor	3 75	
Mrs. Mary Brigham, team	28 00	
James Healy, labor	1 00	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	22 50	
Alex McDonald, labor	1 50	
Alex McDonald, team	46 00	
	<hr/>	\$279 14

MAY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00	
Angus McDonald, team	94 00	
Fred H. Murray, labor	3 75	
John May, labor	27 00	
Julian Wilkerson, labor	34 50	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	34 40	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	45 00	
Charles Reed, labor	34 50	
Oscar Milot, labor	36 00	
Alex McDonald, team	16 00	
F. H. Hildreth, labor	1 90	
	<hr/>	\$377 05

JUNE.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00	
Angus McDonald, team	98 00	
Angus McDonald, 1 man 2 days	3 20	
Mrs. Mary Brigham, team	6 00	
Anthony Healy, labor	13 60	
Charles Reed, labor	35 60	
Oscar Milot, labor	25 60	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	38 80	
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Amount carried forward	\$270 80	

Amount brought forward.....	\$270 80	
Julian Wilkerson, labor	35 60	
Alex Nahant, labor	16 80	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	45 00	
Alex McDonald, team	55 20	
W. H. H. Burbeck, labor on railing ...	12 25	
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JULY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00	
Angus McDonald, team	96 00	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	45 00	
Julian Wilkerson, labor	34 40	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	36 00	
Oscar Milot, labor	38 40	
Charles Reed, labor	38 40	
Arthur Martin, labor	26 40	
Alex Martin, labor	37 60	
David Desmond, team	16 00	
F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	6 80	
Pratt & Forest, lumber for railing	24 64	
	<hr/>	\$449 64

AUGUST.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00	
Angus McDonald, team	110 00	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	45 00	
Oscar Milot, labor	40 80	
Julian Wilkerson, labor	40 80	
Charles Reed, labor	41 20	
Arthur Martin, labor	40 80	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	39 60	
Alex Martin, labor	39 20	
Frank Murphy, team	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$457 40

SEPTEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00	
Angus McDonald, team	94 00	
Julian Wilkerson, labor	37 60	
Oscar Milot, labor	37 60	
Charles Reed, labor	37 60	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	41 76	
Alex Martin, labor	37 20	
Arthur Martin, labor	34 80	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	34 40	
F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	8 81	
Alec Fisher, 1 horse 3 days	3 00	
Alec Fisher, team	8 00	
Isaac Hall, labor	9 00	
Isaac Hall, labor	9 00	
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		\$442 77

OCTOBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00	
Angus McDonald, team	102 00	
Joseph Tompson, teamster	17 30	
Charles Reed, labor	16 00	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	38 00	
Oscar Milot, labor	39 60	
John Hazel, labor	11 20	
C. H. Miner, blacksmithing	1 50	
Joseph Toophlat, labor	20 00	
Charles Reed, teamster	27 68	
J. A. Healy, furnishing stone, building wall, grading and laying drain pipe near C. G. Sargent's estate.....	256 00	
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		\$579 28

NOVEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$50 00
Angus McDonald, team	80 00
Charles Reed, teamster	45 00
John Hazel, labor	30 40
Charles Whitcomb, labor	27 20
Alex McDonald, team	48 00
Oscar Milot, labor	40 00
Ephraim Reed, labor	4 80
John Yorden, labor	22 40
H. E. Gould, team	4 00
Joseph Toophlat, labor	17 60
Julian Wilkerson, labor	18 00
Angus McDonald, 1 man 1-2 day	80
	<hr/> \$388 20

DECEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$19 50
Angus McDonald, team	40 00
Angus McDonald, labor	5 25
Charles Reed, labor	17 40
Oscar Milot, labor	16 00
Ephraim Reed, labor	12 80
Charles Whitcomb, labor	16 00
Alex McDonald, team	16 00
George Whitney, labor	3 00
John Labrache, labor	2 40
William Perkins, labor	3 00
John Hazel, labor	9 60
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett, labor and posts..	1 95
C. H. Miner, blacksmithing	4 25
J. A. Healy, blacksmithing	3 55
	<hr/> \$170 70

JANUARY.

Angus McDonald, labor, team, etc.	\$12 39	
Oscar R. Spalding, railing and posts	54 67	
F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	4 00	
W. F. Prescott, labor	1 00	
Charles Whitcomb, labor	8 00	
H. E. Gould, team,	18 00	
John Payne, labor	1 50	
J. H. Fletcher, pail, etc.	70	
George Burke, labor	2 25	
J. A. Healy, labor and posts	3 70	
Thomas Longbottom, freight	8 10	
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		\$114 31

GRAVEL.

Angus McDonald, 532 loads	\$26 60	
J. E. Woods, 27 loads	1 35	
Charles Fish, 56 loads	2 80	
B. F. Day, 124 loads	6 20	
Frank Bannister, 141 loads	7 05	
Walter J. Merritt, 19 loads	95	
Mrs. M. J. Butterfield, 84 loads	4 20	
Mrs S. P. Lawrence, 63 loads	3 15	
George Drew, 233 loads	11 65	
John H. Decatur, 303 loads	15 15	
Waldo F. Prescott, 49 loads	2 45	
Charles Walker, 38 loads	1 90	
Charles Shugrue, 33 loads	1 65	
Harry Fletcher, 81 loads	4 05	
Michael McGlinchey, 251 loads	12 55	
Isaac Hall, 18 loads at 10 cents	1 80	
David Greig, 6 loads	30	
Samuel Cossland, 13 loads	65	
C. M. Cummings, 177 loads	8 85	
Hammett D. Wright, 217 loads	10 85	
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		\$124 15

HAY AND GRAIN.

B. F. Day, grain	\$1 30	
Conant & Co., grain	18 85	
George C. Moore, grain	133 05	
Alex McDonald, 1,200 lbs. hay	9 75	
George Drew, 7,600 lbs. hay	60 80	
J. A. Healy, hay and grain	24 20	
Thacher & Ireland, hay and grain.....	7 02	
Charles Shugrue, hay, etc.	5 00	
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		\$259 97
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		\$4,078 26

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Received from State for setting 33 bound stones	49 50
Freight	8 10
Loam, etc., sold	9 90
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	\$4,067 50

Overdrawn, \$10.76.

Schedule of property belonging to the town for use of Road Department: 1 set of heavy harness, 2 carts, 1 sled, 4 whiffletrees and chains, 2 spread chains, 4 horse collars, 1 wrench, 1 wagon jack, 2 heavy chains, 1 stone lifter, 1 pair hand splices, 6 rakes, 6 shovels, 1 manure fork, 6 stone forks, 3 plows, 10 blasting drills, 1 drill spoon, 6 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 4 bush snaths, 4 bush scythes, 1 axe, 5 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 3 large hoes, 6 picks, 6 iron bars, 1 pinch bar, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 2 stone hammers, 2 brushes, 2 stable blankets, 2 street blankets, 3 stone drags, 2 yokes, 1 road scraper, 1 gravel screen, 2 mattocks, 1 pail, 1 post spoon, 1 post hole digger, 2 feed bags, 1 trowel, 1 paving hammer, 2 pick handles, lot of sewer pipe, 1-2 barrel Portland cement, 1 set of heavy harness reins.

BREAKING ROADS.
1903-1904.

Henry B. Read	\$44 10
George A. Kimball	11 23
A. S. Vose	45 40
Edward Houle	6 00
J. F. Shaw	7 50
C. H. Bicknell	7 21
Harry Blodgett	5 33
George Demeri	2 25
George H. Whitney	5 25
J. H. Cornell	6 00
E. H. Flagg	36 27
C. M. Griffin	13 80
Edward Murphy	75 40
Henry J. Murphy	7 80
F. H. Hildreth	1 45
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	13 10
A. H. Burnham	41 63
Aaron Tuttle	83
A. E. Jenne	3 30
C. F. Shugrue	3 15
M. F. Downs	42 15
S. H. Hutchins	5 32
S. H. Balch	14 77
George J. Sherburn	5 00
Leroy C. Hartford	18 00
M. J. Wood	4 50
W. W. Johnson	36 00
A. O. Davis	7 35
George H. Whitney	13 50
David Sherman	5 25
W. A. Whitney	6 45
W. H. Compton	3 25
Ralph Bridgford	6 75
C. R. P. Decatur	25 43
W. H. Johnson	8 17

Amount carried forward \$539 09

Amount brought forward	\$539 09
Edward Houle	5 25
W. T. Reed	3 60
I. G. Hall	10 95
A. R. Leighton	8 25
J. M. O'Brien	36 00
John Quinn	2 25
John Payne	5 40
Matthew Elliott	3 00
J. A. Healy	56 28
Alex McDonald	48 43
Seth E. Blanchard	4 65
Samuel L. Taylor	10 50
Hiram Dane	10 00
G. H. Whitney	16 50
T. F. Flynn	3 00
Henry Kabele	5 85
H. E. Gould	48 97
Ralph Bridgford	4 50
James Morrison	6 00
John Flynn	9 15
Harry Hartford	12 00
William A. Whitney	4 73
D. H. Waller	14 10
Edward Houle	12 00
W. W. Johnson	5 50
Samuel L. Taylor	85 50
David Sherman	1 87
Edward Houle	10 50
John Haley	2 40
Charles E. Whitcomb	8 25
H. T. Paige	1 50
B. F. Day	27 16
James H. O'Brien	12 70
S. B. Wright	89 85
C. H. Bicknell	6 00
M. J. Wood	1 50
John W. O'Brien	16 95
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$1,150 13

Amount brought forward.....	\$1,150 13
C. H. Eastman	10 65
John M. O'Brien	31 50
August Gardell	2 63
Paul Jasmin	7 65
Arthur Blodgett	1 83
H. V. Hildreth	4 30
William C. Edwards	30 20

1905.

W. F. Prescott	\$3 75
Oscar Milot	3 75
W. W. Johnson	31 50
Albert W. Heywood	3 00
M. J. Wood	1 50
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	24 80
Harry N. Fletcher	30 16
	<hr/> \$1,337 35

ESTIMATES FOR 1905-1906.

In making these estimates for the amount of money asked for, to be raised or appropriated at the annual meeting, we have placed under the head of each department the amount that is asked for by that department.

SELECTMEN.

Highways	\$4,000 00
Town debts and charges	\$3,000 00
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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Support of poor	\$1,000 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools	\$6,500 00
For High School purposes	2,100 00
Text books and supplies for schools	600 00

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Books	\$150 00	
Printing list of new books	50 00	
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COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Public burial grounds	\$200 00
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Total number of orders, 465.

Total amount of orders, \$16,466.70.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following names will be reported at the annual meeting in March to be placed in the jury box subject to revision and acceptance by the town.

Name.	Occupation.
Arthur J. Charlton	Machinist
Charles D. Colburn	Farmer
Hugh Daly	Wool Sorter
Quincy W. Day	Farmer
Asa B. M. Eastman	Farmer
Charles Edwards	Farmer
Elbert H. Flagg	Farmer
John M. Fletcher	Merchant
Frank L. Furbush	Carpenter
Frank Healy	Teamster
Edwin E. Heywood	Farmer
Frank H. Hildreth	Farmer
George A. Kimball	Farmer
Elmer E. Nutting	Machinist
Charles E. Osgood	Carpenter
Nathan Prescott	Painter
Nelson L. Prescott	Farmer
Richard D. Prescott	Farmer
Henry E. Shorey	Farmer
Charles M. Trull	Clerk
Joseph Wall	Painter
Leonard W. Wheeler	Farmer
Walter A. Whidden	Farmer
John Wilson	Farmer
J. Everett Woods	Farmer
Alfred Woodbury	Farmer

OSCAR R. SPAULDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., Feb. 15, 1905.

Board of Health.

The Selectmen, acting under the laws as the Board of Health, appointed W. H. H. Burbeck and Wesley O. Hawkes as Agents.

George E. Gould and John A. Healy licensed as undertakers.

The general health of the town was good, excepting a number of cases of Typhoid Fever. One proved fatal.

The disease seemed to be most prevalent at the Centre. The Board of Health, with the assistance of Dr. Walter J. Sleeper, have tried to locate the origin of these cases. Samples of well water that is used for domestic purposes have been sent to the State Board of Health for analysis, and the reports show but few fit for domestic use. Again the question of a water supply confronts us, and needs a careful and prompt investigation.

Contagious and infectious diseases for the year 1904.

	Number.	Deaths.
Measles	2	0
Typhoid Fever	5	1

General expenses:

Formaldehyde	\$2 30	
W. H. H. Burbeck, Agent	10 00	
Wesley O. Hawkes, Agent	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$42 30

OSCAR R. SPAULDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

Board of Health.

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit the following report:—

The past year has been one of mingled good and ill. There have been many encouragements, but the shadow cast over the community by the loss of two of the Board of Trustees within the space of a month has not yet passed away.

Joseph Rutter Draper, M. D., who succumbed to typhoid fever after a five weeks' illness on October 30, 1904, had served as a Trustee of the Library for two and one-half years, and his death was a heavy loss to this community, and to the Library, to the service of which he brought the best powers of his mind, and the enthusiasm of his heart. He took a genuine pride in it, and rejoiced in every opportunity to make it of wider usefulness, and to its interests he gave faithful and painstaking service to the very end of his life.

And then, before the Board had been able to adjust itself to the new condition, there came the sudden, almost instantaneous death, on November 30, of Prof. William E. Frost, who for fifteen successive years had served this town as a Trustee of the Library, much of the time as Chairman of the Board. Those most intimately acquainted with him best appreciate what his loss meant to this Library. To his high conception of what a Library may mean to the life of a town and to his persevering and untiring labors to perfect it in every way, is due in large measure its present serviceability and high standard of excellence. He gave to its interests the faithful service of a noble and generous citizen, and his fellow townsmen must recall, with grateful hearts, his long and beneficent work in this office of trust.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library, the following resolutions were adopted:—

Whereas, The Angel of Death has touched two of the members of the Board, to wit.:—Joseph R. Draper, M. D., who, since March, 1902, has given to the work of the Board his active, wise and faithful service; and William E. Frost, who, for fifteen years has been a careful and untiring member of this Board, serving for the greater part of that time as its Chair-

man, and always giving to the work thus committed to him the generous and unsparing labor of a deeply interested and unusually able mind. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That in being deprived of the services of these two faithful and painstaking men, the Library has sustained a most grievous loss.

That we express our sense of profound appreciation of their work, and of their invaluable service to this Library in planning for its enlarged and enlarging efficiency, in bringing it to its present high degree of serviceability.

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families of Dr. Draper and Mr. Frost, and spread upon the record of the Board.

We are happy to be able to report that a very life-like and most excellent portrait of Professor Frost has been given to the Library by Mrs. Frost, and is already in position on its walls, where its presence has been most highly appreciated by a host of his friends. We record our thankful appreciation to the donor of this choice gift for this lasting memorial.

Another noteworthy gift this year is that made by Miss Harriet M. Hodgman, of Brookline, Mass. It is a fine and striking portrait of her father, the Rev. Edwin Ruthven Hodgman, who was for many years pastor of the Union Congregational Church in this town, and who served the community nobly in many public positions.

The new stacks, for which appropriation was made last year, have been put in place and are now filled with books, greatly adding to the order and utility of the library.

A change was made this year in the date of the annual closing of the Library. Hitherto, owing to difficulties of cataloguing, it has seemed necessary to close early in the year, but conditions now favoring a change, it was decided, after consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, to close during the time of the spring vacation, thus avoiding interference with the work of teachers and students who use the Library in the prosecution of their work.

The old-fashioned hand-loom given to the Library a few years ago by Mrs. Reuben Butterfield was set up last year in the basement by Mr. Joseph E. Knight, who generously donated his services for that purpose. Mr. Knight purposes this year to add

to his contribution and set up a warp, and it will soon be possible for us to see just how the weaving was done in ye good old days of our fathers, before factories and mills were known.

The Librarian's report will show that the circulation of books this year is somewhat larger than that of a year ago. It is a sign of increasing appreciation of the Library, and of growing culture. We rejoice in this as an evidence that the Library is meeting the needs of its patrons in larger measure each year.

Two points of the report will bear emphasis. First, the large and very gratifying use made of the Library by Graniteville, Parkerville and Forge Village. Second, the remarkable large proportion of books, other than fiction, read during the past twelve months.

The catalogue was printed two years ago. Since that time a large number of books have been added and lists posted in the Library. But these are useless to those living in the outlying districts and other villages, as they must visit the Library to find out what the new books are. It seems imperative that a bulletin containing a list of these new books should be at once issued. We have had estimates made on this work, and recommend that the sum of fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for this purpose.

We also recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated in addition to the sum received for dog licenses in 1905, for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year.

CATHERINE A. KEBLER,
CHARLES C. P. HILLER,
Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

 Receipts.

Balance on hand March 1, 1904	\$49 19
Appropriation for 1904	150 00
Dividend from Fletcher fund	40 00
Dividend from Stone fund	6 00
Balance from exchange and sale of Stone fund stock certificates over and above \$1,000.00	130 12
Dog licenses	332 31
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	\$707 62

Payments.

J. B. Lippincott Company, books	\$14 40
W. E. Frost, books	6 60
G. L. McDonald, books	1 50
Balch Bros., books	3 20
Dodd, Mead & Co., books	14 40
Willard Small, books	30 40
Old Corner Book Store, books	409 59
H. W. Wilson, books	6 00
Essex Publishing Co., books	5 00
National Science Association of America, books ...	12 00
Ginn & Co., books	6 25
Theo. Audel & Co., binding	5 60
Cottrells' Subscription Agency, magazines	58 00
D. Farquhar & Co., binding	71 70
F. A. Frost & Co., binding	1 50
Library Art Club	5 00
Dennison Manufacturing Co.	99
N. H. Wright	4 50
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	\$656 63
Cash on hand	50 99
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	\$707 62

Report of Librarian.

Cash on hand from last year	\$0 09
Fines received	5 20
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	\$5 29
Paid for supplies	3 78
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Balance	\$1 51
Number of volumes purchased	412
Number of volumes replaced	12
Number of volumes presented	34
Public documents received from the State	9
Public Documents received from the U. S.	11
Magazines bound	48
Whole number of volumes added during the year...	450
Number of volumes lost	5
Number of volumes discarded	47
Whole number of volumes in the Library	12,894
Number of pamphlets added	75
Volumes sent to Graniteville	1,834
Volumes sent to Forge Village	1,473
Volumes sent to Parkerville	1,109
Volumes sent to Brookside	396
Volumes loaned at the Library	8,677
Circulation of fiction	6,449
Circulation of classified books	2,372
Circulation of children's fiction	3,657
Circulation of children's classified books	1,011
Entire circulation	13,489

MAGAZINES SUBSCRIBED FOR.

Harper's, Century, Scribner's, Forum, North American Review, Atlantic, Bookman, Popular Science Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Littell's Living Age, McClure's, Library Journal, St. Nicholas, Munsey, New England, Birds and Nature, Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Weekly, Success, Annals, and Cumulative Index to Periodicals.

EXHIBITS OF PICTURES FROM THE LIBRARY.
ART CLUB.

Salisbury, Egypt, Local Views, German Festoons, Pagan Rome No. 1, Pagan Rome No. 2, Durer, French Artists, Russia, Scotland, California, Venice.

GIFTS IN 1904.

Mrs Helen K. Frost, portrait of Mr. William E. Frost.
Miss Harriet M. Hodgman, Brookline, portrait of Rev. Edwin Ruthven Hodgman. Also two sermons and a memorial pamphlet.
New England Historical Genealogical Society, fifteen volumes.
Mrs. Charles W. Stevens, Nashua, N. H., framed autograph of Benjamin Osgood, 1859.
Joseph E. Knight and Seth Blanchard, work on hand loom.
Leonard W. Wheeler, three volumes.
Arthur T. Cass, Tilton, N. H., one volume.
Barnard Memorial, Boston, one volume.
William E. Frost, Tributes to Julian A. Kebler.
Miss Caroline A. Leighton, Cambridge, one volume.
J. H. Bridge, New York, one volume.
S. L. Phillips, Washington, one volume.
Hiram Dane, one volume.
Adams Library, Chelmsford, one volume.
Missouri Commission, Louisiana Purchase Expedition, one volume.
Mrs. Nellie P. Draper, five volumes, one pamphlet, and miscellaneous articles for the Historical Room.

Mrs. George T. Day, three volumes, three volumes of the Century Magazine.

Rev. John C. Kimball, Sharon, Mass., one pamphlet.

J. M. Fletcher, eight pamphlets, three posters, a set of Hungarian notes.

Mrs. Hiram Whitney, one pamphlet.

Miss Carrie E. Read, Barre, one pamphlet.

Mrs. M. J. Wheeler, one newspaper, 1864.

W. K. Moorehead, Andover, two pamphlets.

Mrs. Carrie E. F. Clark, Winchester, six copies of a magazine.

Miss Emma F. Blood, Groton, one pamphlet.

CURRENT MAGAZINES GIVEN FOR READING ROOM.

Outlook, Delineator, Ladies' Home Journal, Rhodora, The Engineer.

Report of Overseers of Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

For Milk	\$771 82	
Thomas Carney, board	137 00	
John P. Green, board	134 00	
Elbridge Reed, board	104 00	
Alice Jackson, board	71 49	
Wood	122 50	
Cows	97 00	
Hay	63 72	
Rent	48 00	
Pork	27 79	
Potatoes	24 00	
Calves	20 50	
Road breaking	14 77	
Apples	9 00	
Beans	7 76	
Labor	6 00	
Cranberries	5 50	
Standing grass	2 00	
Old Sleigh	2 00	
Use of bull	2 50	
Use of tools	2 70	
Prisoners	1 00	
Tobacco	80	
S. H. Balch, as Constable	13 46	
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Cash balance Feb. 3, 1904	\$6 07	
Drawn from Town Treasurer	1,032 50	
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		\$2,727 88

PAYMENTS AT TOWN FARM.

Paid S. H. Balch, salary from Jan. 1, 1904 to Jan. 1, 1905	\$450 00
Mrs. S. H. Balch, as Matron, from Jan. 1, 1904 to Jan. 1, 1905	100 00
Groceries	411 32
Grain	349 91
Labor	402 32
Gows	166 00
Paint stock	42 55
Cutting wood	34 87
Phosphate	20 40
Medical supplies	27 47
Meat	132 14
Butter	82 16
Funeral expense of Margaret O'Brine	22 50
Shingles and putting on same	26 00
N. E. Telephone Co.	13 23
Coal	76 69
J. R. Draper, M. D.	39 25
W. J. Sleeper, M. D.	1 00
Ice	9 46
Blacksmith and wheelwright work ..	22 35
Clothing for inmates	26 52
Dry Goods	29 47
Pigs	14 50
Repairing water pipe	2 25
Repairs for horse power	2 34
Hardware	14 58
Making cider	1 92
Barn rent	2 00
Sawdust	3 50
Fish	14 50
Tobacco	32 04
Boat	6 00
Time and expense on account Leroy Moses	5 76
Amount carried forward ...	\$ 2,585 00

Amount brought forward	\$2,585 00	
Expense to State Farm	4 05	
Wall paper	8 31	
Express	2 95	
Freight	50	
Hens	13 00	
Lowell Journal and Citizen	3 84	
Harness work	3 90	
Breaking roads	1 95	
Window sash and frame.....	1 25	
Car fares	8 00	
One share in Boston C. O. M. P. Co.	2 00	
Box rent	40	
S. H. Balch, as Constable	9 00	
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		\$2,643 15
Cash in hands of Master of Alms- house Feb. 20, 1905		84 73
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		\$2,727 88
Balance on hand Feb. 3, 1904	\$6 07	
Drawn from Town Treasurer	1,032 50	
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		\$1,038 57
Balance on hand Feb. 20, 1905		84 73
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		\$953 84
Received from State, board of Elizabeth Lord		49 20
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Net expense at Farm		\$904 64

PERSONS SUPPORTED AT TOWN FARM.

	Age.	Admitted.	Discharged.
John P. Green	77.	Dec. 21, 1839.....	
Thomas Carney	About 94.	Jan. 31, 1877.....	
Elbridge Reed	78.	Apr. 10, 1904.....	
True A. Bean	82.	Apr. 26, 1901.....	
Varnum T. Fletcher	62.	Mar. 28, 1901.....	
Asa Dearborn	About 80.	Apr. 18, 1904.....	

	Age.	Admitted.	Discharged.
Alice Jackson	59.	June 4, 1904.	.....
Caroline A. Perham	81.	Jan. 23, 1894.	.....
Mary E. Cowdrey	46.	Feb. 24, 1900.	.....
Louisa A. Leland	84.	Dec. 25, 1903.	Apr. 22, 1904
Louisa A. Leland	84.	Dec. 22, 1904.	.....

Number of tramps lodged and fed, 537.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid City of Lowell, aid to Mrs. Casey..	7 50
City of Lawrence, aid to James Carkin	10 25
George A. Leland, aid to Mrs. Louisa Leland	14 57
J. R. Draper, M. D., aid to Mrs. Louisa Leland	25 10
J. A. Healy, burial of Mrs. Joseph Sears	25 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid to Joseph Sears	23 50
C. R. Decatur, salary as Overseer of Poor	10 00
A. H. Burnham, salary as Overseer of Poor	10 00
L. W. Wheeler, salary as Overseer of Poor	10 00
L. W. Wheeler, making out report to State	5 00
L. W. Wheeler, making out report to town	5 00
L. W. Wheeler, extra time and ex- pense	15 00
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	\$160 92

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from State, account of Mrs.	
Britton	\$4 72
Chelmsford, account of	
Mrs. Harrap	8 53
Apples on Leland land ..	1 00
Gloucester, on account	
Charles Johnson and	
credited in Treas-	
urer's report last year	17 00
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	\$31 25
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	\$129 67

NET EXPENSE OF OUTDOOR POOR.

STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer....	\$1,193 42	
Cash in hand Master of Almshouse, Feb.		
3, 1904	6 07	
Cash income of Farm	1,689 31	
	<hr/>	\$2,888 80
Expense of outdoor poor	\$160 92	
Payments at Farm	\$2,643 15	
Cash in hand Master of Almshouse, Feb.		
20, 1905	84 73	
	<hr/>	\$2,888 80
Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1,193 42	
Reimbursements	31 25	
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Net draft from Town Treasurer		\$1,162 17

Net expense at Farm	\$904 64	
Net expense of outdoor poor	129 67	
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Net expense of poor		\$1,034 31

L. W. WHEELER,
C. R. DECATUR,
A. N. BURNHAM,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT THE ALMS- HOUSE, FEB. 4, 1905.

Groceries	\$36 33	
Vegetables	40 25	
Fruit	6 50	
135 lbs. pork and hams	11 50	
6 bush. beans	10 00	
Vinegar stock and casks	31 00	
Balance of personal property at house...	426 35	
	<hr/>	\$561 93

AT BARN.

12 Cows and 1 bull	\$550 00	
2 horses	250 00	
40 hens	20 00	
29 tons English hay	435 00	
4 tons stock hay	48 00	
4 tons meadow hay	32 00	
15 tons ensilage	75 00	
Grain in barn	24 80	
1 two-horse dump cart	50 00	
1 two-horse sled	20 00	
2 hay and farm wagons	100 00	
1 Democrat wagon	35 00	
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Amount carried forward..... \$1,639 80

Amount brought forward	\$1,639 80	
Wheel and spring tooth harrow	20 00	
Horse rake and tedder	44 00	
1 double sleigh	18 00	
1 horse power	75 00	
1 ensilage cutter	5 00	
1 hay fork and gear	28 00	
1 double and single harness	45 00	
29 cords wood	100 00	
5 tons coal	37 50	
Balance in barn and outbuildings	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,512 30
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		\$3,074 23

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
T. A. E. WILSON,
E. G. BOYNTON,
Appraisers.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Westford, Mass., March 4, 1905.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:—

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand	\$ 7,595 78
To cash borrowed	10,000 00
From State corporation tax	8,295 24
State bank tax	472 54
Soldiers' families	671 00
Income Mass. school fund	1,153 89
Armory rent	175 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses	332 31
Al Bicknell, janitor Town Hall	10 00
Jos. H. Sears, janitor Town Hall	87 00
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	41 97
State, on account Supt. of Schools	625 00
Income Library funds	176 12
W. H. H. Burbeck, sealer weights and measures	23 15
State Treasurer, on account paupers	41 12
Town of Chelmsford, on account paupers	8 53
State Board of Charities, educating children .	17 00
A. L. Prior, collector, on account Jackson & Kirby	28 17
State Treasurer, on account Inspector Ani- mals	30 00
State Treasurer, on account board insane ...	12 80
Amount carried forward	\$29,796 62

Amount brought forward	\$29,796 62
Aaron Tuttle, old furnace	1 15
L. W. Wheeler, apples, Leland place	1 00
A. S. Wright, 20 loads gravel	2 00
G. W. Kenrick, 49 loads gravel	4 90
C. E. Whidden, 20 loads gravel	2 00
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, 1901	76 29
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, 1902	166 43
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, 1903	532 32
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, 1904, before Oct. 1	15,018 82
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, 1904, before Dec. 1	1,329 54
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, 1904, after Dec. 1	2,392 77
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest tax 1901	13 11
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest tax 1902	17 92
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest tax 1903	22 25
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest tax 1904	12 61
Vasele Icokovelle, license No. 557	8 00
Morris Miller, license No. 177	8 00
Highway Loan fund	57 60
C. H. Hanson, 1 pair horses	130 00
Henry A. Drew, post tops and bark	1 00
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	\$49,594 33

PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes and interest	\$11,924 15
State tax	1,525 00
County tax	2,061 68
Orders and incidental expenses	16,466 70
Repair State highway	42 78
On account of schools	7,522 64
On account of tuition, Academy	1,500 00
On account of Library	656 63
Cash on hand	7,894 75
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	\$49,594 33

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,
Treasurer of Westford.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Pursuant to the duties of Auditor, I have made the usual examinations of the town's accounts for the year ending Feb. 28, 1905, and beg to report that I found the several cash books and ledgers correctly footed and disbursements sustained by proper vouchers. I submit herewith an abstract of accounts examined.

Taxes.

Debited Collector L. W. Wheeler for the years 1901, 1902 and 1903.

Year.	Balance to Collect Mar. 1, 1904.	Past due interest collected and taxes added by Assessors during the Year.	Totals.	Payments to credit of same, including abatements, etc.	Balance to Collect Mar. 1, 1905.
1901	\$ 76 29	\$13 11	\$ 89 40	\$ 89 40	
1902	200 57	19 92	220 49	220 49	
1903	961 63	26 25	987 88	665 41	\$322 47

To debit of Collector L. W. Wheeler for year 1904.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessors' warrant, as follows:

Real estate	\$14,388 21
Personal estate	4,787 55
Polls 678	1,356 00
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	\$20,531 76

Additions since issue of warrant, as per Assessors' notices	50 38
Past due interest on taxes paid after Jan. 1, 1905	12 61
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	\$20,594 75

Less abatements for the year as per		
Assessors' notices	112 65	
	<hr/>	\$20,482 10
By net collections to Oct. 1,		
1904	\$15,018 82	
5 per cent discount on		
assessed value of same		
(15,809.28)	790 46	
	<hr/>	\$15,809 28
Net collections for Oct.		
and Nov., 1904	\$1,304 18	
3 per cent. discount on		
assessed value of same		
(1,344.52)	40 34	
Collected without discount	25 36	
	<hr/>	\$1,369 88
Net collections from Dec.		
1, 1904, to March 1,		
1905	\$3,292 77	
Past due interest on taxes		
paid after Jan. 1, 1905	12 61	
	<hr/>	\$2,405 38
	<hr/>	\$19,584 54
Leaving a balance to collect of		\$897 56

Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk issued during the year		
licenses for		
149 male dogs at \$2.00	\$298 00	
17 female dogs at \$5.00	85 00	
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Less Clerk's fees for 166 licenses at 20		
cents each		33 20
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and		
receipted for by him		\$349 80

Selectmen.

465 orders were drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasurer during the year, amounting altogether to \$16,466.70, for each and all of which proper vouchers are on file.

Master of Almshouse.

To balance cash on hand Feb. 1, 1904..	\$ 6 07	
Receipts from all sources during the year	2,721 81	
	<hr/>	\$2,727 88
By expenditures for the year to Feb. 1, 1905	\$2,643 15	
Balance cash on hand.....	84 73	
	<hr/>	\$2,727 88

Overseers of the Poor,

L. W. Wheeler, Chairman.

To amount received from the Town Treasurer for the year to Feb. 1, 1905	\$1,193 42
By disbursements for the year to Feb. 1, 1905	\$1,193 42

Library,

N. H. Wright, Treasurer.

To cash on hand March 1, 1904	\$49 19	
Receipts from various sources during the year	658 43	
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By expenditures for the year to March 1, 1905	\$656 63	
Cash on hand March 1, 1905	50 99	
	<hr/>	\$707 62

Treasurer.

To cash on hand March 1, 1904	\$7,595 78	
Receipts from all sources during the year	41,998 55	
	<hr/>	\$49,594 33
By total payments for the year to March 1, 1905	\$41,699 58	
Cash on hand March 1, 1905	7,894 75	
	<hr/>	\$49,594 33

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

Assets.

Uncollected taxes for year 1903	\$322 47	
*Uncollected taxes for year 1904	899 36	
Due from State Aid (Soldiers' families)	672 00	
Balance cash in hand of Master of Alms- house	84 73	
Balance cash in hand of Treasurer	7,894 75	
	<hr/>	\$9,873 31

Liabilities.

Due State Treasurer on Library loan of \$5,000	\$1,000 00	
5 months' interest on same at 4 per cent.	16 67	
Due State Treasurer on loan for general expenses of the town	8,000 00	
5 months' interest on same at 3 1-5 per cent.	106 67	
	<hr/>	\$9,123 34
Balance assets over liabilities	749 97	
	<hr/>	\$9,873 31
Deficit March 1, 1904	\$1,135 61	

(*) The difference in amount to collect between the Collector's and Treasurer's accounts is apparently covered by an Assessors' abatement notice for \$1.80, sent to the Collector, but not sent to the Treasurer.

H. F. LEITH,
Auditor.

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

The Commissioners report as follows:—

We are pleased to again report the increase of perpetual care funds this year. The present number is 37, five having been added the past year. In passing through our cemeteries, one can see burial mounts without stones, neglected and overgrown with briars and weeds. Some of these, not all we are sorry to say, are the lots of families whose members have all passed away or moved to distant homes. Here is where a perpetual care fund would change these unsightly spots for all time, when relatives or friends interested have passed on. There are several lots that a little care would greatly improve. Stones have been placed and a little grading done at the time of the last burial, which often took place years ago. We earnestly urge all persons having lots in the various cemeteries, whether occupied or not, to visit them and see if a little work may not improve their condition, and thus prevent the strong contrast with those lots carefully cared for yearly, which tends to destroy the general beauty of the cemeteries. C. N. Richardson at Fairview and M. F. Hutchins and W. H. H. Burbeck at the other cemeteries, have given care to the various lots under perpetual care.

The Commissioners hope to be able to put in order the graves of the Civil War soldiers not cared for the present year. A suggestion has been made that a lot be selected as a "Soldiers' Lot" for the future, for the burial of those having no relatives in town. The Commissioners have made no decision as yet. They will consider the present season, the desirability of requiring the owner of an unoccupied lot to grade and keep it in good order, within twelve months of taking the lot, under pain of forfeiture of same. It seems a reasonable requirement, as the

town furnishes the lot without any charge. W. H. H. Burbeck will have charge of Hillside Cemetery, in place of B. F. Nutting, recently deceased. The other cemeteries remain in the same care as last year. As satisfactory arrangements have not yet been made in regard to placing the name over each cemetery entrance, the Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the town raise and appropriate the usual sum of \$200.00 for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the several cemeteries.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS.

Residents.

Mrs. E. S. Abbot, Fairview, care of tomb	\$5 00
Mrs. C. M. Atwood, 195 and 196, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. John Baker, 330, E. D.	1 00
Edmund Barton, 40 and 41, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. Agnes Beebe, 234, E. D.	1 00
Joseph Bennett, 61, E. D.	1 00
Ai Bicknell, two lots, Fairview	2 00
Mrs. D. L. Boynton, 333, E. D.	1 00
Augustus Bunce, 11 and 12, W. D.	2 00
Wm. Burnett, 37, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. J. T. Butterworth, 236, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Frank Calvert, 26, W. D.	1 00
John B. Carmichael, 345, E. D.	1 00
John Carmichael, 68, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Clara P. Carkin, 145 and 338, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. N. S. Carkin, 377, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. Wm. Carrick, 328, E. D.	1 00
C. A. Chamberlain, 53, W. D., and one in Fairview .	6 00
P. G. Collins, 35, W. D.	1 00
Miss Annie L. Coolidge, 65, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. E. Caunter, 21, 22 and 326, E. D.	3 00
George Drew, 163 and 164, E. D., and one in Fairview	2 00
F. C. Drew, 30, E. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$41 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 41 00
Mrs. Andrew De Roehn, 232, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Eaton, 243, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Charles H. Fletcher, 194, E. D.	5 00
C. L. Fletcher, 42, W. D.	1 00
F. L. Fletcher, 83, W. D.	1 00
John M. Fletcher, 197 and 198, E. D., 76, W. D. ...	3 00
J. W. Fletcher, 154, E. D.	1 00
Wm. E. Frost, 17, E. D.	1 00
August Gardel, 368, E. D.	1 00
George Q. Gilson, 332, E. D.	1 00
L. S. Gilson, 60 and 75, W. D., 320, E. D.	3 00
Wm. Gower, 42, E. D.	1 00
John Greig, 14, W. D.	1 00
W. O. Hawkes, 112 and 5, W. D.	6 00
Mrs. Charles A. Harris, 363, E. D.	1 00
Edwin E. Heywood, 337, E. D.	1 00
F. A. Hildreth, 43, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Frank C. Hildreth, Fairview	1 00
Frank Hindle, 336, E. D.	1 00
Francis Hosmer, 325, E. D.	1 00
E. F. Humiston, 136 and 142, E. D.	2 00
Edmund J. Hunt, 367, E. D.	1 00
Albert E. Jenne, 310, E. D.	1 00
Andrew Johnson, 158, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Lucy A. Keyes, 39, E. D.	1 00
Miss R. E. Luce, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Arthur Longbottom, 249, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Alvin A. McLenna, 38, W. D.	2 00
George F. Millis, 57, W. D.	1 00
James L. Moss, 242, E. D.	1 00
Frank E. Miller, 36, W. D.	1 00
F. Morton, 331, E. D.	1 00
Joseph Orange, 48, E. D.	1 00
Wm. Petherick, 339, E. D.	1 00
Miss Helen Polley, 160, E. D.	5 00
Miss Sarah Precious, 47, E. D.	1 00
Edward Prescott, 171 and 172, E. D., 25, W. D. ...	3 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$99 00

Amount brought forward	\$ 99 00
Mrs. Frances A. Prescott, Fairview	1 00
Alfred Prinn, 67, W. D.	1 00
Miss Sarah Richardson, two lots in Fairview	2 00
Mrs. David U. Shattuck, 322, E. D.	1 00
Miss M. Shaw, 355, E. D.	1 00
Miss Clara A. Smith, 95, W. D.	1 00
James Stewart, 138, E. D.	1 00
Thomas Symmes, two lots in Fairview	2 00
Albert D. Taylor, 258, E. D.	1 00
S. L. Taylor, 101, W. D. and one in Fairview	2 00
Nelson L. Tuttle, 7 and 8, E. D.	3 00
J. A. Walkden, 15, E. D.	1 00
Wm. Welch, 18, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Mary J. Wheeer, 77, W. D.	1 00
C. E. Whidden, Whiting lot, Fairview	2 00
Wm. Whigham, 54, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Hiram Whitney, 100, W. D.	1 00
Samuel Willis, 20, W. D.	1 00
Henry O. Wood, 309, E. D.	1 00
Alfred Woodbury, 311, E. D.	5 00
Myron J. Woods, 155, E. D.	1 00
Wm. L. Woods, 148, E. D.	1 00
Andrew S. Wright, 28 and 29, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. F. C. Wright, 59, E. D.	1 00
G. P. Wright, 25, E. D.	1 00
N. H. Wright, 46 and 47, W. D.	2 00
W. M. Wright, 24, E. D.	1 00

Non-Residents.

Miss Lucy M. B. Abbot, Groton, Fairview	\$1 00
Mrs. Martha Bailey, Lowell, 51 and 52, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. G. A. Brigham, Charlestown, 106 and 107, W. D.	2 00
Mrs. S. A. Butterfield, Ayer, 334, E. D. and one in Fairview	2 00
Eugene Carpenter, Newton, 366, E. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward \$146 00

Amount brought forward	\$146 00
Mrs. Emily L. Craven, Lowell	1 00
Henry C. Crockett, North Chelmsford, 255 E. D. .	7 00
Wm. L. Davie, North Chelmsford, 32, W. D.	5 00
Miss Alice L. Davis, Somerville, 10, W. D.	1 00
Burt W. Decatur, Springfield, 64, W. D.	1 00
Henry Dix, Charlestown, 327, E. D.	5 00
Mrs. W. P. Edwards, Brooklyn, N. Y., 66, E. D. . .	1 00
Mrs. A. M. Felch, Chelmsford, 257, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Jersey City, N. J., 80, W. D. .	2 00
Mrs. Lucy J. Fletcher, Arlington, 92, W. D.	1 00
L. S. Folland, Manchester, N. H., 22 and 23, W. D..	2 00
Mrs. S. E. Green, Lowell, Fairview	1 00
George P. Hamlin, Boston, 111, W. D.	1 00
George E. Harris, Weymouth, 27, W. D.	1 00
Miss C. E. Hewitt, Hopedale, 116, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Ellen A. Hildreth, Pelham, N. H., 87, W. D. .	4 00
Miss Helen C. Hildreth, Cambridge, 115, W. D. .	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Holt, Queen's, L. I., 39, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. G. F. Horne, Nashua, N. H., 16, E. D.	1 00
G. W. Hunt, Lowell, 341, E. D.	1 00
S. M. Hutchins, Lowell, 54, W. D.	1 00
Miss A. L. Johnson, Tyngsboro, 60, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. A. M. King, Castle Rock, Wash., 21, W. D. and one in Fairview	2 00
Mrs. J. H. Laws, Somerville, 114, W. D.	1 00
Miss Drusilla Lord, Lowell, 33, E. D.	3 00
George C. Moore, North Chelmsford, 343, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. Mary F. Morse, Lowell, 58, E. D.	1 00
J. M. Osgood, Racine, Wis., 6, E. D.	1 00
Parker & Buxton, Lowell, 365, E. D. and one in Fairview	2 00
Mrs. S. E. Peck, Elizabeth, N. J., 94, W. D.	1 00
O. A. Parker, Waltham, G. A. Parker lot	1 00
Miss Carrie E. Read, Barre, Fairview	1 00
George G. Reed, Lowell, 70, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. Anna Richardson, Melrose, 74, W. D.	1 00
M. T. Richardson, New York, Fairview	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$205 00

Amount brought forward	\$205 00
Mrs. F. K. Ripley, North Chelmsford, 2, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Nancy Sargent, Brookline, N. H., 59, W. D. ..	1 00
Wm. Saville, Boston, Fairview	1 00
Mrs. Charles J. Searles, Lowell, 66, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. George Scrutton, Lowell, 375, E. D.	1 00
Allen Smith, Littleton Common, 90, W. D.	5 00
George F. Snow, West Chelmsford, Fairview	1 00
Salmon L. Snow, West Chelmsford, 89, W. D.	1 00
J. F. Spaulding, North Chelmsford, 346, E. D.	1 00
Richard Stancomb, North Acton, 340, E. D.	1 00
F. O. Stiles, Littleton, 41, E. D.	1 00
Miss Jessie M. Sweatt, Boston, 254, E. D.	2 00
Mrs. S. H. Turnbull, Beverley, Fairview	1 00
Isaac G. Wheeler, Allston, 105, W. D.	1 00
Mrs. E. J. Whitney, Littleton Common, 28 and 29, E. D.	2 00
Wm. T. Willis, Lowell, 19, E. D.	1 00
Mrs. Alex Wilson, Morris Heights, N. Y., 55, E. D. .	1 00
A. A. Wright, Hudson, 34, W. D.	1 00
George W. Wyman, Philadelphia, Pa., 376, E. D. ..	1 00
C. H. Follansbee, lot at Hillside Cemetery	1 00
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	\$231 00

EXPENSES.

Fairview:

Paid C. N. Richardson and others for labor	\$261 52
Wright & Fletcher for 2 tons fer- tilizer	76 00
for two lawn mowers	6 00
for 1 hoe, casting for lawn mower, etc.	80
for grass seed	61
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	\$343 93

Westlawn:

Paid J. T. Colburn for labor	\$6 50	
M. F. Hutchins for labor (1903— \$2.00)	16 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck for labor	1 00	
for one lawn mower	3 00	
for black paint and gilding	1 50	
for painting and gilding markers for graves of veterans	75	
for paint for fence	4 60	
for oil	1 00	
for painting fence, two coats	6 50	
for painting iron fence around Rob- inson lot	1 75	
Wright & Fletcher for 1-2 ton fer- tilizer	19 00	
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		\$61 60

Hillside:

Paid B. F. Nutting for labor	\$10 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck for labor	5 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for 600 lbs. fer- tilizer	10 40	
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		\$25 40

General expenses:

Paid for stamps, envelopes, etc.	\$1 32	
Paid for 48 "perpetual care" castings and freight on same	11 00	
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		\$12 32

\$443 25

Amount appropriated by the town	\$200 00
Amount received for care of lots	231 00
Unexpended balance last year	97 50
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	\$528 50
Amount expended	443 25
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Unexpended balance	\$85 25

TRUST FUNDS HELD FOR CARE OF BURIAL LOTS.

J. W. P. Abbot fund, lot in Fairview	\$100 00
Sally B. Burrill fund, lot in Fairview ...	100 00
George Davis fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Charles S. Dodge fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
Rachel Dupee fund, lot in Fairview ...	50 00
Daniel Falls fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Andrew Fletcher fund, lot in Fairview .	100 00
Julia A. Fletcher fund, lot in Fairview .	50 00
S. D. Fletcher fund, lot in Fairview...	50 00
S. D. Fletcher fund, lot in Westlawn ..	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
T. H. Hamblett fund, lot in Fairview .	50 00
C. & C. A. Hamlin fund, lot in Fairview	100 00
M. Hennessey fund, lot in Fairview ...	50 00
Henry Herrick fund, lot in Westlawn .	100 00
Samuel Horne fund, lot in Fairview ...	50 00
Silas Lawrence fund, lot in Westlawn .	100 00
Edwin D. Metcalf fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
James M. Parker fund, lot in Fairview .	50 00
Charles H. Prescott fund, lot in West- lawn	100 00
Frances A. Prescott fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Joseph F. Prescott fund, lot in Westlawn	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Mary A. Putnam fund, lot in Hillside .	100 00
Abijah C. Reed fund, lot in Fairview ..	50 00
Anan Reed fund, lot in Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed fund, lot in Westlawn ..	100 00
Sarah E. Richardson fund, lot in Fairviw	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer fund, lot in Fairview	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells fund, lot in Westlawn	100 00
Clara M. Wiley fund, lot in Fairview ..	100 00
Luther Wilkins fund, lot in Fairview ..	75 00

Amount carried forward \$2,275 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$2,275 00	
John Wilson fund, lot in Fairview	50 00	
Capt. Ezekiel Wright fund, lot in West- lawn	50 00	
Varnum B. Wright fund, lot in Fairview	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,450 00

G. W. HEYWQOD, Chairman,
M. F. HUTCHINS,
GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary,
Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County,
Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House in said Westford, on Monday, the twentieth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at 8 o'clock A. M., and may be closed at 1 o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit.:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; one Trustee of the Public Library, Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" All on one ballot.
- 3d. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.

- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to the purchase of snow rollers, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for High School purposes.

- 17th. To see if the Town will authorize the School Committee to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of Westford Academy in regard to maintaining a High School.
- 18th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 19th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 20th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) to widen, straighten, relocate and repair the Graniteville road, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to purchase a pair of horses, or to contract for the employment of teams, for the road department, and act in relation to the same.
- 22d. To see if the town will vote to purchase a hearse and act in relation to the same.
- 23d. To see if the Town will appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of putting in a public water supply, such committee to serve without expense to the Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.

- 26th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will establish a price for the board of Thomas Carney at the Town Farm, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, Brookside and Parkerville, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these four villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year; also in such other matters which may arise, requiring in their judgment the action of such agents, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. To see if the Town will appropriate two hundred dollars (\$200) for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law, and act in relation to the same.
- 32d. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in town, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seals, this fourth day of March, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and five.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1905



LOWELL, MASS.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1904-1905.

A. R. CHOATE, Chairman.....	Term Expires 1907
H. M. SEAVEY, Secretary.....	Term Expires 1906
JOHN C. ABBOT	Term Expires 1907
CHAS. A. CHAMBERLAIN.....	Term Expires 1906
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term Expires 1905
ELBERT H. FLAGG.....	Term Expires 1905

Superintendent of Schools,

H. E. RICHARDSON, Residence, Littleton Depot.

Report of School Committee.

To the Citizens of Westford:

We hereby submit the report of the School Board for the past year, together with that of the Superintendent of Schools.

We feel that our schools have made good progress during the year, under the able superintendency of Mr. Richardson, assisted by a strong corps of teachers.

We would recommend that the parents of the children in the schools, and others, read the superintendent's report, that we may all keep in close touch with the best interests of the schools.

The contract entered into some time since by the town with the Westford Academy expires with the close of the school year in June.

Negotiations are being made at the present time, whereby the town may make such arrangements with the Academy that it shall cover high school requirements.

If this is accomplished it will be a great saving to the town, as the expense would be considerably less than if the town should maintain a high school independently.

We cannot look back over the past year without a feeling of sadness, caused by the loss of our esteemed and much beloved Preceptor.

Mr. Frost was a man of marked ability, respected by all, and during his many years of teaching endeared himself to all those with whom he came in contact.

A. R. CHOATE,
J. C. ABBOT,
E. H. FLAGG,
T. A. E. WILSON,
C. A. CHAMBERLAIN,
H. M. SEAVEY,

School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Income.

Balance unexpended from 1903	\$ 28 30	
Appropriation	6,100 00	
From State on account of Superintendent of Schools	250 00	
Income Massachusetts School fund	1,153 89	
Tuition of scholars at Westford Academy	1,500 00	
State Board of Charities	17 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,049 19

Expended.

Teachers	\$5,735 40	
Fuel	782 19	
Janitor service and cleaning	455 05	
Transporting scholars	550 00	
Tuition scholars Westford Academy ...	1,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$9,022 64
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$26 55

Text Books and Supplies Furnished Schools.

Appropriation	\$600 00
Amount expended	633 73
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Deficit	\$33 73

Expense of Supervision.

Salary paid by town	\$800 00
Rebate from State	625 00
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Net cost to town	\$175 00

Appropriations Recommended.

Schools	\$6,500 00
For High School Purposes	2,100 00
Text books and supplies	600 00
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Total	\$9,200 00

• Superintendent's Report.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:—

This, my fifth annual report, which is the twelfth in the series, is hereby submitted to you and through you to the citizens of Westford, for the year ending March 1, 1905.

Below are given the school census of September, 1904, and a summary of statistics from September, 1904, to March, 1905.

At the end of this report will be found tabulated statistics from September, 1903 to March, 1905.

Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years of age: Boys, 168; Girls, 144; Total	312
Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years of age: Boys, 229; Girls, 197; Total	426
Number of illiterate minors over 14 years of age: Boys, 26; Girls, 25; Total	51
Whole number enrolled in all the schools	429
Whole number enrolled between 7 and 14 years of age..	306
Whole number enrolled between 5 and 15 years of age..	392
Whole number enrolled over 15 years of age	33
Average membership	391
Average attendance	345
Per cent. of attendance	*88
Number of weeks in school year	36
Whole number of schools	15
Whole number of teachers	17
Number of male teachers	2
Number of female teachers	15
Number of college graduates	2
Number who have attended college	3
Number of normal school graduates	10
Number who have attended normal school	12

(*) Plus.

In Memoriam.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of Mr. William E. Frost, which occurred suddenly from heart failure, while at his post of duty, upon November 30, 1904.

Mr. Frost had been principal of Westford Academy for thirty-two consecutive years, and during that time had filled such a large place in the educational and social life of the town that in his removal the community has suffered a great loss.

We desire to express a personal word of tribute to his scholarly tastes, to his high integrity and sterling character, to his efficiency and faithfulness as a teacher, and to his loyalty and worth as a friend and citizen.

In the passing away of this older type of schoolman and gentleman, we feel that there is an irreparable loss and much in the spirit and purpose of his life for the younger generation to emulate.

At this time it may not be inappropriate to review briefly the work of the past five years. While many of the best results of school work can never be measured, there are some that can be definitely noted and recorded.

The organization of the school is, we believe, the best in its history. Three years ago a ninth grade was formed in the Centre Grammar room, whereby pupils are better prepared upon entering the Academy with an additional year's preparation, to grasp the subjects taken there and to carry on their work successfully.

For the past year a kindergarten teacher has been employed in the Forge Primary School to relieve Miss Phillips.

This has proved to be a highly satisfactory arrangement, giving the beginners, who do not know the English language

upon entering school, the special instruction necessary before being able to do regular first grade work. The success of the present plan is such as to warrant its continuance.

During the year the Centre Intermediate School, with a membership of forty-seven pupils, has been overcrowded. To relieve this condition, the fourth grade has recited in the primary room after recess, both morning and afternoon. The enrollment in the lower room being but twenty-four, has warranted the arrangement, which, although not ideal, has better equalized the number of pupils and the work in each room, and has helped out in an emergency.

ACADEMY. In view of the fact that the question of renewal of the contract between the town and the Academy is under consideration, it may be stated that the character of the instruction and general preparation given in the Academy is of a higher order than in many high schools which are approved by the State. Unless Westford is able to surpass other towns of similar valuation and population, co-operation with the Academy is advantageous to the town. The equipment and financial resources are superior to those which the town could be expected reasonably to have and maintain in a separate institution.

TEACHERS. We believe that there is a fundamental truth in the declaration that it makes very little difference what you study, but it is in the highest degree important with whom you study. "There flows from the living teacher a power which no text-book can compass or contain. Text-books supply information and discipline; teachers impart the breath of life, giving inspiration and impulse." The value of the well-trained teacher, alive to the best interests of her school, faithful and efficient in the performance of her duties, cannot be overestimated.

Our present corps of teachers is, without exception, hard-working, faithful and efficient. Nearly all are normal school graduates, with more or less teaching experience.

After Mr. Frost's removal by death, in November, Mr. William A. Perkins, formerly of Lynn, Mass., was placed in charge of the Academy for the rest of the year. Under Mr. Perkins'

management the work has progressed with as little interruption as could be expected under the trying circumstances.

Miss Ruth Fisher was granted leave of absence for the year, and Miss Elrie P. Newcomb, a teacher of experience was chosen as her substitute. In December, Miss Grace Farnsworth resigned from the Graniteville Upper Primary to accept a more lucrative position in the Malden schools, and Miss Flora Palmer was advanced from the Lower Primary to the place made vacant by Miss Farnsworth's resignation. Miss Elizabeth Cameron, a normal graduate with several years' teaching experience, was elected to the Lower Primary.

Miss Grace Burdick, a Lowell normal graduate, was placed in charge of the Forge Grammar School, upon the resignation of Miss Hubbard.

Miss De Catur and Miss Tuttle resigned at the close of the year to complete their studies at the Lowell Normal School.

Miss Emma Holt succeeded Miss De Catur at Nabnasset, and Miss Lucy B. Raddin followed Miss Tuttle at Minot's Corner. Both of these newly appointed teachers are graduates of the Lowell Normal School.

The discipline in all the schools is good, and
DISCIPLINE. in many it is excellent. Much of the former military discipline has given way to a freedom and naturalness such as we like to see in a well ordered home. the idea of good discipline is to give each pupil as much freedom as possible without interference with others. In this way the principal of self-government, so essential throughout life, is inculcated and fostered. The aim is to make the schools training places for citizenship.

The general condition of the school build-
CONDITION OF BUILDINGS. ings throughout the town, excepting at the Centre, is satisfactory, but the condition of the outbuildings in the district schools is far from being so. Some are worse than others, but all are as good as at any time during the last five years. Some slight improvements have been made from time to time, but I would recommend a thorough overhauling in every case. New

wood work should be put in and freshly painted so that old markings may be wholly obliterated.

The boys' closets at Graniteville, although an attempt has been made to improve them, are not satisfactory. I would strongly recommend that the closets be sheathed, painted, and modern urinals be put in place.

Conditions at the Centre outbuildings have been greatly improved and arrangements at Forge Village with the new closets are highly satisfactory.

It has been demonstrated repeatedly that surroundings have a direct influence for good or ill upon character, and wholesome, clean outbuildings are as essential as any part of our school equipment. Any investment of time and money in this direction will be a good one. In this matter, as in most others, one is able to secure about what he works for, and if such places are put in good sanitary condition, they should, and I venture to say, can be kept so.

IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL GROUNDS. The appearance of the school grounds at Graniteville by grading, sodding, and laying out of grass plots and driveway, has been greatly improved.

Much more needs to be done, but a good beginning has been made, and much credit is due Mr. Putney for the interest, earnest effort and hard work put forth in accomplishing the desired result.

In order to have the children feel an interest in the work, they were invited to contribute something toward it. In this way a sense of responsibility was aroused and they are interested and take pride in helping to keep the grounds in good condition.

Similar improvement are contemplated for the Forge Village school grounds during the coming season.

COURSE OF STUDY. Five years ago next September a new course of study was introduced into the elementary schools, and after five years' trial teachers testify that pupils are entering the Academy bet-

ter prepared to grasp the subjects taken there, and to carry on their work successfully.

The course, as outlined, is in harmony with the best educational thought of the day and is the outcome of expert opinion on the various subjects that form the present curriculum.

From time to time, committees composed of ten or fifteen of the leading educators in the country, as President Eliot, of Harvard, U. S. Commissioner Harris, and prominent professors, superintendents and teachers are appointed by the National or other important educational associations to confer and report upon matters relative to school work; as for instance; the best time to begin arithmetic and history in the grades; the subjects to be emphasized and those to be omitted from elementary arithmetic and geography courses; and the value of nature study, stories from mythology and other classics in the grades.

The suggestions of these eminent councils are universally accepted and adopted, and in this way a uniformity is secured in the work of our public schools throughout the country. This was apparent at the great educational exhibit at the St. Louis Fair, where exhibits from cities and towns in Arkansas and Massachusetts showed the same leading characteristics. It is evident that we have a national educational system as well as a state system, of which our town systems are a part.

Everywhere elementary courses of study have been enriched by the introduction of certain subjects, adapted to the capacity of the children, which were thought formerly to belong alone to the high school; the reason for this being that the vast majority of boys and girls, 95 per cent. in the schools throughout the land, never go beyond the grades. While the per cent. in the Westford schools is better than the average, the 85 or 90 per cent. of the Westford boys and girls who do not have the benefit of a high school education are entitled to the best elementary course than can be given them.

ARITHMETIC. The arithmetic course as revised places much emphasis upon correctness, rapidity and mental work. There is no formal presentation of arithmetic until children enter the second grade; but number is incidentally taught at every point, and children have a good knowledge of it when they begin the formal use of figures and signs in the second grade.

Operations in arithmetic which have become obsolete, or

have never existed elsewhere in the world, should become obsolete in the school-room and therefore have been omitted from the course.

In determining what should be taught in arithmetic, it is necessary to show that the subject is practical; that is, that it has to do with the affairs of life, or that it is disciplinary; that is, that it inspires mental growth and strength.

With this end in view the course has been abridged by curtailing the time spent on compound proportion, cube root, obsolete denominate quantities, duodecimals and much of commercial arithmetic and by omitting examples in profit and loss, bank discount, simple and compound interest not easily made intelligible to the pupils. At the same time it has been enriched by a greater number of exercises in simple calculation and in the solution of concrete problems.

Little children are taught nature poems
NATURE STUDY. and songs and to observe simple forms of
insect, plant, animal and bird life.

June first is observed as Bird Day in all the grades. Teachers take the children into the fields to observe nature at first hand, and to learn something of the habits, haunts and songs of birds. After returning to the school-room, compositions are written by the pupils telling what they have seen and heard. We are told that fifty years ago May thirtieth, old election day, was observed by killing as many birds as possible by the boys in the country.

The Friday before Arbor Day is observed as Tree Day. Field excursions to observe the different kinds of trees and shrubs are made by pupils under the direction of the teachers.

Compositions embodying the pupils' observations are written after returning to the school-room.

Lessons on soil, water, air, light, relation of plants and insects, animals and bird life are taught in all the grades, taking a different subject each month and aiming to make the work as practical as possible. In these ways children are brought into a better understanding of their environment and by teaching them to observe closely a few things, a whole world of beauty

is opened to them which may be a source of inestimable pleasure and profit all through life.

To judge of the music one needs to visit the schools
 MUSIC. to note the progress made under the present system which has been in use for the past five years. From the beginning little children are taught to read the notes, sing alone and keep the time as naturally and with as little embarrassment as they read alone.

Appreciation of and a taste for good music is cultivated by constant use of the best songs adapted to the various grades, and it is a pleasure to record that the children are receiving thorough musical training under the efficient leadership of the present supervisor, Miss Blanche Samuels.

In all our school work I believe that reading is
 READING. of the greatest importance; not only the ability to read well, but also acquiring a taste for good books. During the period under review we have added quite largely to our reading lists in all the grades. In this way pupils read a large amount of the best literature in school, and a growing appreciation of good books is showing itself by the number of boys and girls who frequent the Public Library.

Since it has been found that children's minds are capable of appreciating the greatest productions, many adaptations of masterpieces have been made which are very popular with the children.

In the primary grades stories which embody ideals of courage, unselfishness, patience and kindness to animals are told them by the teacher. Such stories are selected because children imitate what they admire, and because of the unconscious influence of an ideal upon character. When children have made sufficient observation to enable them to understand them, stories of industry, invention and discovery are told to them or read by them. Children long for stories of adventure, and in recognition of this need stories adapted from Robinson Crusoe, The Iliad and The Odyssey, Ivanhoe, The Lady of the Lake and similar selections are read by them with great pleasure. Special use is made of birthdays and holidays in the lower grades, and to some extent throughout all the grades.

Stories from mythology, history and literature have always been used by the greater educators, and now their use is quite general. "Mythology expresses the views of the childhood of the race, and children, it must be remembered, reproduce in every generation the earliest stages of racial growth, and the books put into their hands ought to supply the same substance, however different the form, upon which children were nourished in the days of the Greeks and Romans."

Mythology has furnished themes for our great writers in all ages, and unless children become acquainted with this subject in school, the majority go through life with no appreciation of much of the world's best literature.

At the present time it is not thought sufficient to train the memory, reason and judgment only, but great emphasis is put upon the cultivation of the imagination, the creative faculty, the highest faculty of the mind.

Hence the great value of selected stories from history, literature, mythology, fable, romance and poetry which appeal to the children through their imagination and put them in sympathetic relations with the world.

Even ethics, or morals, according to the leading authorities, are best taught, not by formal instruction or by sermonettes, but by stories illustrating manliness, courage, honesty and sympathy for the weak and oppressed, which appeal to the pupil through his imagination.

One of the most prominent educators in America has outlined three educations as follows:—"The education of the past, which is the classical education which cultivates the intellect. The education of the present, which is the scientific and manual education which cultivates the outward activity as in manual training, kindergarten work, etc. The education of the future, which will include the other two, but will add the education of the heart. Intellect makes a man individual, but feeling makes him universal."

In looking toward the pupils' fullest development, is it not well to make use of the world's rich store of literary treasures, which children fully appreciate when presented to them from their point of view, and which, through an exercise of the imagination, play upon the emotions, and thus tend to educate the heart?

We have taken this opportunity to write somewhat at length upon these subjects, as we have reason to believe that their value and the reason for their being in our elementary schools have not been clear to all parents.

In conclusion, we may say that the past five years have been characterized by a spirit of harmony, and we believe by steady progress. This has been brought about by the hearty, intelligent support of the School Committee, in their desire to give to the town the best school system possible, and by their wise, impartial administration of all matters pertaining to school affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

PROGRAMME OF WESTFORD ACADEMY GRADUATING EXERCISES, JUNE 17, 1904.

PROGRAMME.

1. Organ Solo—"Triumphal March." Sainton Dolby
Miss Mary Atwood.
2. Prayer.
Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey.
3. Essay—"The Roycrofters." Charlotte H. Prescott, Westford.
4. Essay—"The Boer War." Thomas F. Flynn, Westford.
5. Essay—"Empress Eugenie." Eva F. Pyne, Westford.
6. Song—"When Winds are Raging o'er the Upper Ocean." Arthur Foote.
Mr. Albert E. Prescott, Class of '81.
7. Essay—"The New Japan," Frederick A. Johnson, Westford.
8. Essay—"The Women of Ancient Greece." Jennie M. Furguson, Westford.
9. "Socrates Before his Judges." Translation from the Greek of Plato.
Martha W. Symmes, Graniteville.
10. Essay—"The Land of the Midnight Sun." Estella M. Hartford, Westford.
11. Singing by the School.
 - a. "Greetings" Franz Abt
 - b. "King of the Forest" Henry Parker
Arr. by G. A. Veazie

12. Essay—"Radium."
Inez L. Burnham, Westford.
13. Essay—"Athletics."
Gerald T. DeCatur, Cold Spring.
14. Essay—"Women Missionaries."
Mabel M. Symmes, Graniteville.
15. Declamation—"Mona's Waters."
Amelia W. Lambert, Westford.
16. Song—"L'Ardita." Arditi
Mrs. Jessie Pedrick Jenkins.
17. Essay—"The Trans-Siberian Railway."
Albert L. Waller, Westford.
18. Essay—"Father Damien."
Edith E. Bicknell, Westford.
19. Essay—"Panama."
Clarence D. Wright, Graniteville.
20. Organ Solo—"Andante Maestoso" Franz Liszt
Miss Atwood.
21. Conferring of Diplomas.
Rev. Edward A. Horton.
22. "America."

GRADUATING CLASS.

Classical Course.

Jennie Margueritte Ferguson	Martha Washington Symmes
Mabel Maria Symmes	Clarence Delette Wright

Latin Scientific Course.

Inez Laurine Burnham	Charlotte Helen Prescott
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English Course.

Edith Elizabeth Bicknell	Frederick Andrew Johnson
Gerald Thomas DeCatur	Amelia Willets Lambert
Thomas Francis Flynn	Eva Frances Pyne
Estella Maud Hartford	Albert Lawrence Waller

Motto—"Nulla victoria sine labore."

Report of Supervisor of Music.

To the Superintendent of Schools:—

Dear Sir—In submitting my third annual report, it gives me pleasure to say our schools are advancing in all lines of their work in music.

A subject which is of great interest to us now is: "Do our children hear enough good music outside of what they get in school?" We fear they do not, and for that reason should not the townspeople take it upon themselves that at least two musical performances be given during the year in order that the education of our school children should be furthered by listening to high class music?

The interest which we arouse in the subject of music in our schools must be stimulated by the outside influence of the home, and we urge strongly that the parents look into the matter and assist in this grand and good work of educating our children to be the coming generation to represent the American type of music. We urge the parents to encourage every slight inclination in the musical line, for so many in the past have lost the best in music through the mistaken idea that there was no music in their family, hence, the subject was not to appeal to them.

It is with pleasure that we find Professor Parker, of Yale, endorsing just such a line of work as we are following. He says the intellectual side of music is the proper object of study, and the emotional is the result of that which is intellectual.

We hope to start this year a musical library, not alone for our High School, but for all the grades. This side of their musical education has been, to a degree, neglected. This should not be, for many we find have gained their desire to further the

study of music through the reading of good books on music. The Town Library has added several books on the subject, and with another year we hope to see a large increase in the number of books for this line of work.

Many give entire credit to the music teacher for results, not taking the work of the grade teacher into consideration. The music teacher visits once a week and the grade teacher carries out the work the other four days, hence it is that the teacher with the supervisor combines for the desired results. On account of numerous changes in the teaching force of the town our work is retarded in some cases, but the new teachers soon grasp the work readily and the work goes on successfully.

In closing, I wish to thank the School Committee, Superintendent and Teachers for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully,

BLANCHE S. SAMUELS.

STATISTICS FOR 1903-1904.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Number of Weeks.	Enroll-ment.	Average Member ship.	Average Attendance.	Per cent. of At-tendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 5 and 15.	Over 15
Academy	X-XIII	39	33	29	26	91	6	20	13
Center Grammar	VIII-IX	36	38	31	27	88	21	29	9
Center Intermediate	IV-VII	36	37	35	31	88	36	36	1
Center Primary	I-III	36	31	28	25	87	19	31	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	VI-VII	36	26	26	24	92	26	26	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar	IV-V	36	26	24	21.7	90	26	26	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II-III	36	23	24.87	22.66	91.7	21	23	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	36	40	32	27	87	21	40	0
Forge Grammar	III VII	36	27	24	22.8	95	27	27	0
Forge Primary	I-II	36	57	49	46	91	43	57	0
Stony Brook	I-VII	36	29	23	19.7	83	21	28	1
Nabasset	I-VII	36	30	19.8	16	81	23	30	0
Minot's Corner	I-VII	36	11	11	9.5	86	6	11	0
Parkerville	I-VII	36	19	16	15	89	12	19	0
Nashoba	I-VII	36	20	14.5	13.6	93	14	20	0
Totals.....			447	387	347	897	322	423	24

LIST OF TEACHERS 1904-1905.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	App'ted.	EDUCATED.	Salary.
Academy, { Principal Assistant }	* Wm. E. Frost.....	1872	Bowdoin	Town
	Wm. A. Perkins.....	1904	Bowdoin	Pays
Center Grammar.....	Grace E. Thompson	1904	Bates	\$1500 00
	Elrie P. Newcomb.....	1904	Bridgewater Normal.....	450 00
Center Intermediate	Sadie E. Hanscomb	1903	Worcester Normal.....	396 00
Center Primary	Millie F. Smith	1903	Worcester Normal.....	396 00
Graniteville Upper Grammar	Walter K. Putney	1903	{ Brown University	540 00
	Issie A. Parker	1897	{ Salem Normal	360 00
Graniteville Lower Grammar	Grace L. Farnsworth	1903	Westford Academy	360 00
Graniteville Upper Primary.....	Flora E. Palmer	1901	Fitchburg Normal	360 00
Graniteville Lower Primary.....	F. Grace Burdick	1904	Westford Academy	360 00
Forge Grammar	I. Millie Phillips	1901	Lowell Normal	360 00
Forge Primary	Anna Mellen.....	1899	Worcester	450 00
Stony Brook	Emma G. Holt.....	1904	Lowell Normal.....	324 00
Nabnasset	Lucy B. Raddin.....	1904	Lowell Normal.....	288 00
Minot's Corner	Frances C. Banister.....	1902	Lowell Normal.....	288 00
Parkerville	Bertha M. Field	1902	Westford Academy	288 00
Nashoba	Blanche S. Samuels.....	1902	Fitchburg Normal	288 00
Music Meacher			Westfield	350 00

* Deceased November 30, 1904.

STATISTICS FALL AND WINTER TERMS 1904-1905.

SCHOOL.	Enroll- ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per cent. of At- tendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy.....	27	23	20	88	2	6	21
Center Grammar.....	28	27	24.6	91	11	19	9
Center Intermediate.....	41	41	37.8	89.7	39	39	2
Center Primary.....	25	25	19.9	86	16	25	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar.....	35	33.6	30	89	33	35	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar.....	24	22	19.5	88	23	24	0
Graniteville Upper Primary.....	27	26.7	25	93.7	27	27	0
Graniteville Lower Primary.....	32	28	24.4	86.5	15	28	0
Forge Grammar.....	28	25	23	93.6	25	28	0
Forge Primary.....	49	45.53	42.2	92.7	35	49	0
Stony Brook.....	34	30.47	24.88	81.4	24	34	0
Nabnasset.....	33	23	19	81	23	32	1
Minot's Corner.....	11	10.8	7.4	68	11	11	0
Parkerville.....	23	19	16.6	82	13	23	0
Nashoba.....	12	11.9	10.97	91.5	9	12	0
Total	429	391	345	88	306	392	33

Roll of Honor, September, 1903-June, 1904.

One Year.

Gilson Alice
Gilson Ella
Lord Helen J.
Rockwell Percy

Rockwell Clifton
Symmes Paul
Symmes George E.
Sanborn George

Two Terms.

Boucher Leo
Boucher Edmund
Boucher Florence
Comey Gertrude
Davis Willie
De Roehn Willie

Gower Francis
Healy Henry
Kimball Elizabeth
Leclerc Corine
Record Josephine

One Term.

Andrews Julian J.
Buckingham Horace
Blodgett Marion
Brulee Levina
Burnham Helen R.
Butterfield Harriett F.
Bicknell Alva M.
Beebe Luella
Clement Lena
Comes Hazel
Cann May F.
Cann Harry

McCoy Bertha
McDonald Madeline
McMaster Herbert
Miller Ruth M.
Miller Joseph
Marshall Marion
Murray Gertrude
Murray George
Murray Marshal
Murray Helen
Osgood E. Alberta
Orr Robert

Charlton Agnes
 Day May E.
 Doucett Lottie
 Daley Gladys
 Drew Annie B.
 Drew Fred
 Deziel Marie
 Draper Lillian P.
 De Doehn Emerson A.
 De Roehn Elmer
 Donnelly Mary A.
 Fletcher Vernon
 Fletcher Ralph
 Furbush Helen
 Girard Henry
 Griffin Charles
 Healy Nellie
 Healy Fred
 Healy Thomas
 Houle Albert
 Houle Leona
 Jenkins Justin B.
 Kabele Leo Henry
 Kimball Jennie
 Kavalish Kastotantin
 Le Clerc Charles
 Loitus Gertrude
 Ledworth William
 Lormann Martha
 Lormann Mildred
 Lord Philip

Orr Annie
 Orr Nellie
 Phelps Mabel
 Perkins Merick
 Primm William
 Primm Carrie
 Rockwell L. Webster
 Reed Ida
 Reed Annie
 Ricard Mary
 Ricard Della
 Sanborn Mabel
 Sleeper Natalie
 Symmes Althea
 Symmes Anna
 Sullivan Mary
 Sullivan Margaret
 Sullivan Daniel
 Spinner Elizabeth M.
 Spinner Edward
 Shugrue May
 Smiley Stokes
 Sweetser Howard
 Sutherland Alfred A.
 Tousignant Mederic
 Wall Rachel
 Walkden Herbert H.
 Wilson George
 Whitney Ether M.
 Wright Carl G.

Roll of Honor, September, 1904–March, 1905.

Two Terms.

Buckingham Horace
Davis Willie
Goner Francis
Healy Henry
Healy Nellie
Kimball Elizabeth

McDonald John
Miller Joseph
Loftus Gertrude
Prinn Carrie
Sullivan Francis
Sullivan Daniel

One Term.

Blodgett Marion L.
Bicknell Elva
Bicknell Roy
Burnham Arthur
Banister Seth
Buckingham Edward C.
Boucher Florence
Boucher Leo
Cote Adelord
Charlton Raymond
Deziel Marie
Daley Gladys C.
De Roehn J. Elmer
Fletcher Ralph A.
Gagnon Alfred
Gagnon George E.
Gilson Ella

McDonald Madeline
Murray Marshall
Milot Rosa
McMaster Herbert
O'Harra James
Orr Nellie
Osgood Charles
Prescott Clyde
Perkins Mirick
Reed Ida May
Rockwell Clifton
Rockwell Percy
Rockwell L. Webster
Ricard Josephine
Ricard Della
Ricard Alice
Symmes Althea

Gilson Willie	Symmes George
Helie Luciene	Symmes Paul
Healy Arthur L.	Spinner Elizabeth
Healy Fred S.	Sullivan Margaret
Harrison Helen	Sullivan Mary
Jenkins Justin	Shattuck Stella
Kimball Jennie F.	Spillane William
Lorman Lydia B.	Sanborn George
Lorman Martha M.	Tousignant Amele
Lord Marion	Walkden Hebert
Lord Phillip	Wall Rachel
Le Clerc Antoinette	Wilson George
Le Clerc Corine	Wilkinson Della
Miller Everett	

School Calendar, 1905-1906.

Spring Term—Begins March 21, 1905; closes June 9, 1905.
Term's length, 12 weeks.

Fall Term—Begins September 5, 1905; closes November 24,
1905. Term's length, 12 weeks.

Winter Term—Begins December 4, 1905; closes March 2, 1906.
Term's length, 12 weeks.

Spring Term—Begins March 19, 1906; closes June 8, 1906.
Term's length, 12 weeks.

Vacation of one week, December 22 to January 1, 1906.

Extracts from the Public Statutes.

REVISED LAWS.

Chapter 43.

• Section 11. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee, or to such person as the committee may designate. No teacher of a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any term, until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers and the secretary and agent of the board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools, no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning or, in the absence of such knowledge, until ten consecutive days of absence have been recorded: but the foregoing provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall not affect proceedings against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, under the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of chapter forty-six. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

Chapter 44.

Section 1. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exception as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in section three of chapter forty-two and sections three, five and six of this chapter. The superintendent of schools or, if there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent or committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence. The attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if he has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town in accordance with the provisions of the following section, or if he has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if he has already acquired such branches of learning, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control to cause such child, whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully from school shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Section 6. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. A child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to such con-

tagion from another household as aforesaid, shall not attend any public school during such illness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the city or town, or from the attending physician of such person, stating that, in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever at least two weeks, and in a case of measles, at least three days, have elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.

Chapter 46.

Section 3. Any child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four shall be deemed to be an habitual truant, and, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven of this chapter.

Section 4. A child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed an habitual absentee, and upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person and conviction thereof may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 5. A child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for expulsion therefrom, shall be deemed to be an habitual school offender, and, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two

years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 13. Truant officers shall inquire into all cases arising under the provisions of sections one and six of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of this chapter, and may make complaints and serve legal processes issued under the provisions of this chapter. They shall have the oversight of children placed on probation under the provisions of section seven. A truant officer may apprehend and take to school, without a warrant any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

Chapter 106.

Section 28. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No such child shall be employed at work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, nor be employed at work before six o'clock in the morning or after seven o'clock in the evening.

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TOWN OF WESTFORD

Annual Report

For Year Ending

March 1st

1906

Also Town Warrant

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held

March 20, 1906

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1906.

ALSO
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD MARCH 19, 1906.



LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1906.



Officers of the Town of Westford, 1905.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHER Term expires March, 1906

Select men.

WESLEY O. HAWKES Term expires March, 1906

ALEC FISHER, Secretary Term expires March, 1907

OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman Term expires March, 1908

Assessors.

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR, Secretary Term expires March, 1906

GEORGE H. HARTFORD, Chairman Term expires March, 1907

J. WILLARD FLETCHER Term expires March, 1908

Overseers of the Poor.

ARTHUR H. BURNHAM, Secretary Term expires March, 1906

LEONARD W. WHEELER, Chairman ... Term expires March, 1907

ALBERT R. CHOATE Term expires March, 1908

Treasurer.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR.

Constables.

SAMUEL H. BALCH,

EDSON G. BOYNTON.

School Committee.

CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN Term expires March, 1906

HOMER M. SEAVEY Term expires March, 1906

JOHN C. ABBOTT. Term expires March, 1907

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman. Term expires March, 1907

T. ARTHUR E. WILSON. Term expires March, 1908

WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary Term expires March, 1908

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

HUGH F. LEITH, Secretary..... Term expires March, 1906
 CATHARINE A. KEBLER, Chairman ... Term expires March, 1907
 WALTER C. WRIGHT Term expires March, 1908

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD Term expires March, 1906
 MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS Term expires March, 1907
 GEORGE T. DAY Term expires March, 1908

Tree Warden.

JAMES SPINNER.

Field Drivers.

WILLIAM E. SYMMES, J. HERBERT FLETCHER.
 WALDO F. PRESCOTT.

Fence Viewers.

AUGUSTUS BUNCE, JOSEPH E. KNIGHT,
 ALMON S. VOSE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLARD H. BEEBE,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
CHARLES A. BLODGETT,	CHARLES E. OSGOOD,
DAVID DESMOND,	WALDO F. PRESCOTT,
HUGH A. FERGUSON,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
HORACE E. GOULD,	THOMAS E. SYMMES,
JOHN A. HEALY,	SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Special Police Officers.

MATTHEW SMITH,	MARK M. MORRISON.
LINCOLN A. REDDICK,	JOSEPH WALL,
ERNEST E. DANE,	FRED A. SWEATT,
JOHN HEALY.	

Fire Wards.

ERNEST H. DANE,	GEORGE O. JACKSON,
CHARLES EDWARDS,	HARRY L. NESMITH,
JOHN A. HEALY	T. ARTHUR E. WILSON.

Forest Fire Wards.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK,	J. WILLARD FLETCHER,
EDSON G. BOYNTON,	JOHN A. HEALY,
ERNEST H. DANE,	GEORGE O. JACKSON,
DAVID DESMOND,	HENRY B. REED,
WILLIAM L. WOODS.	

Weighers of Coal.

J. HERBERT FLETCHER,	J. AUSTIN HEALY,
JOHN M. FLETCHER,	JOHN A. HEALY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
ALFRED H. HARTFORD,	EVA F. PYNE,
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.	

Superintendent of Streets.

ANGUS McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of Board of Health.

WILLIAM H. H. BURBECK,	WESLEY O. HAWKES.
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Registrars of Voters.

QUINCY W. DAY, Chairman	Term expires April 30, 1906
ALFRED WOODBURY	Term expires April 30, 1907
*NELSON L. TUTTLE	Term expires April 30, 1908
EDWARD FISHER, Clerk ex officio.	

*Deceased June 24, J. Herbert Fletcher appointed for unexpired term.

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Homer M. Seavey; Deputy Warden, Samuel H. Balch; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, Albert W. Heywood; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William H. H. Burbeck; Deputy Inspectors, Clarence R. P. Decatur, Wayland F. Balch.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Deputy Warden, Albert R. Wall; Clerk, Walter C. Wright; Deputy Clerk, Hammet D. Wright; Inspectors, Joseph Wall, Edson G. Boynton; Deputy Inspectors, Henry J. Healy, Richard D. Prescott.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey; Deputy Warden, William J. Flynn; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Samuel L. Taylor; Inspectors, Amos B. Polley, Henry B. Reed; Deputy Inspectors, Houghton G. Osgood, James H. O'Brien.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

EDSON G. BOYNTON.

Janitor of Town House.

JOHN FEENEY.

Janitor of Library Building.

AI BICKNELL.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

FRANK C. WRIGHT,

CHARLES D. COLBURN,

JOHN M. FLETCHER.

Births.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1905.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
Aug. 13	Baker, Gertrude Mildred	William E. and Elizabeth E. (Weaver)
June 21	Baker, Mary L. E.	Charles and Rose (Norman)
Dec. 15	Bennett, Gordon A.	Walter H. and Hattie (Martin)
Jan. 5	Benson, Carl O. C.	Charles and Alma S. (Johnson)
Oct. 9	Blowie, William R.	Samuel and Florence (Orange)
Aug. 6	Boyd, Catharine	John and Delia (Seymour)
Dec. 4	Brooks, Edith E.	Charles T. and Edith M. (Johnson) ..
June 14	Clement, Peter J.	Peter and Mary (O'Connor)
Oct. 10	Darcus, Edna M.	Harry and Florence (McGilvery)
Dec. 31	DeBuc, Bertha	Louis and Mary (Moran)
Dec. 26	Drolet, Alfred A.	Alfred and Mary E. (Butler)
Feb. 22	Eaton, Charles W.	Charles A. and Helma M. (Nelson) ..
Jan. 28	Elliot, Mary A.	James and Mary A. (Boynton)
Oct. 7	Forzaiti, Maria	Beniamini and Stillnia (Martronelle) .
May 20	Girard, Irene J.	Henry and Mary (Sarvie)
Sept. 18	Gognon, Marie F.	Fred and Filomen (Grae)
March 28	Goode, Gertrude A.	Jonathan and Mary L. (O'Brien) ..
Sept. 4	Griffin Edward O.	Charles M. and Nellie M. (Collins) ..
Nov. 16	Griffin, Gerald	Patrick and Mamie E. (Leland)
Nov. 8	Harrington, Henry	P. Henry and Elizabeth (Dunn)
Oct. 30	Hereux, Joseph P. A.	Joseph A. and Marie L. (Tugere)
July 5	Heli, Lena M.	Thomas and Adeline (Lord)
July 5	Huckins	John P. and Maud L. (Huckins)
Sept. 16	Hunt, Edward C.	Edward J. and Annie (Wiggin)
Nov. 30	Kimball, Helen M.	George A. and Annie (Wilson)
Dec. 24	Kimbereowich, Bronislowa	Mike and Josephine (Piktal)
Dec. 24	Kimbereowich, Bronislowa	Mike and Josephine (Piktal)
June 12	LeDuc, John W.	Ferdinand and Geneive (Forechett) ..
Dec. 15	Marconiller, Joseph A. W.	Samuel S. and Maria (Milot)
April 6	McCarthy, Arthur	Joseph F. and Josephine (Brisson) ..
Feb. 17	McCoy, Ruth E.	Fred L. and Lottie (Cann)
July 24	McDonald, Lillian C.	Joseph J. and Nellie (Sullivan)
Dec. 20	McDonald, William O.	Alexander and Margaret E. (Riney) ..
Dec. 1	McGlinchey, Leo. J.	Peter J. and Emma M. (Quessey) ..
June 21	Miers	August W. and Elizabeth (Bennett) ..
March 30	Miller, Walter J.	Frank E. and Lillian B. (Whitney) ..
June 26	Milot, Marie B.	Oscar and Filomena (Dupont)
Jan. 21	Molli	(Marchioni)
Feb. 13	Moran, Joseph P.	Joseph A. and Sarah A. (Boynton) ..
Mar. 12	Moran Mary J.	Joseph and Josephine (Ouilette) ..
Oct. 26	Morton, Walter F.	Finnimore and Lillie E. (Northrup) ..
Oct. 8	Mountain, Dorothy L.	Ernest G. and Catherine (Whigham) ..
Feb. 3	Penovitio	Momi and Theresa
July 24	Perkins, George H.	George and Adelaide (Taylor)
May 16	Poliock, Robert L.	George T. and Helen F. (Johnson) ..
Nov. 3	Prescott	Frank R. and Annie L. (Delong)
Jan. 29	Reid, Jessie N.	Clarence A. and Kathleen (Donovan) ..
Dec. 10	Roberts, Richard D.	Richard and Amy E. (Russon)
Oct. 25	Seavey, Gordon B.	Homer M. and Addie P. (Mitchell) ..
Feb. 4	Shea, Walter R.	James F. and Inez F. (Kimball)
July 17	Spillane, Ita. M.	Patrick and Catherine A. (Donahoe) ..
June 8	Stewart, Annie	James W. and Annie (Doucett)
Oct. 31	Sullivan, James E.	John A. and Nora (Sullivan)
July 1	Sundberg, Lilly E.	John and Christina (Johnson)
Aug. 3	Whitney, Helen L.	Edgar E. and Mary L. (Hall)
Feb. 18	Wilder, Alfred E.	William W. and Amanda (Murray) ..
Nov. 30	Wilson, Leon A.	James D. and Lilla (Going)
Oct. 15	Wyman, Walter E.	William W. and Elizabeth (Betlings)

One stillborn. One illegitimate. Number recorded: males 32; females 28; total 60

Marriages.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D. 1905.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
June 12	Benoit, Thomas	22	Manville, R. I.	Quebec
	Fournier, Mary L.	25	Westford.	Quebec
June 28	Blodgett, Chester L.	21	Groton	Westford.
	Daly, Emma	28	Westford.	England
Sept. 9	Colburn, Jonathan H.	26	Westford.	Westford.
	Nathans, Daisy G.	25	Westford.	Savannah, Ga.
Sept. 20	Collins, Phineas G.	68	Westford.	Grafton, N. H.
	Bettinger, Nellie R.	45	Westford.	Sandy Creek, NY
June 28	Desmond, David	41	Westford.	Westford.
	Dailey, Ellen F.	28	Littleton	Westford.
Nov. 21	Drolet, Alfred	22	Westford.	Canada
	Butler, Mary	28	Westford.	Dedham, Mass.
Aug. 22	Edwards, Arthur F.	20	Westford.	Westford.
	Woodward, Emma L.	25	W. Chelmsford.	Chelmsford
	Griffin, Patrick	19	Westford.	Ireland
	Leland, Mary E.	17	Westford.	Lowell, Mass.
Sept. 27	Jones, George E. F.	29	N. Chelmsford.	Providence, R. I.
	McGlinchey, Catherine L.	30	Westford.	Westford.
May 28	Keith, Wendall W. E.	24	Sutton, Mass.	Sutton
	Stephans, Hattie F.	25	Westford.	Westford.
Sept. 18	Lemie, Elzior	20	Westford.	Canada
	Delorier, Ora	21	Westford.	Canada
Sept. 6	Marshall, Charles P.	33	Westford.	Scotland
	Wight, Hattie M.	27	Gorham, N. H.	Gorham
Oct. 11	McDermott Hugh	30	Lowell	Chelmsford
	Burke, Mary J.	30	Westford.	Westford.
Feb. 6	Morin, Joseph	23	Westford.	Canada
	Ouellette, Josephine	20	Westford.	Lowell
June 21	Nesmith, Harry L.	41	Westford.	Arlington, Mass.
	Woodbury, Hattie K.	30	Littleton	Danvers, Mass.
Sept. 6	Perkins, Herbert W.	32	Westford.	St. Johns, N. B.
	Fogg, Adella E.	27	Lowell	Cornish, Me.
March 6	Pollock, George T.	25	Westford.	New Brunswick
	Johnson, Helen F.	25	Westford.	Westford.
Nov. 18	Profitto, Joseph.	22	Westford.	Italy
	Brisson, Annie	23	Tyngsborough	Michigan
June 28	Putney, Walter K.	26	Westford.	Revere, Mass.
	Parker, Beatrice M.	25	Westford.	Newton, Mass.
Sept. 2	Sandberg, August J.	24	Westford.	Sweden
	Benson, Anna E.	28	Westford.	Sweden
Aug. 23	Snow, Frederic A.	26	W. Chelmsford.	W. Chelmsford.
	Taylor, Esther P.	25	Westford.	Westford.
May 3	Viau, Archibald F.	20	Fitchburg	Trenton, Ont.
	Rancour, Mary	20	Westford.	Greenfield, Mass.
Nov. 11	Wasceszenink, Tzydor	26	Westford.	Russia
	Klepaerorma, Tulianna	19	Westford.	Russia
Nov. 4	White, William	69	Westford.	Scotland
	Bennie, Jane	68	Lawrence	Scotland

Number of marriages recorded, 24.

Deaths.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1905.

DATE.		NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
			Yrs.	Mos.	dys.
May	27	Baker, Raymond, son of Charles and Rose (Norman)	2		
June	4	Bean, True A., son of and Comfort (Goodwin)	82	6	15
March	17	Bemis, Henry S., son of Daniel and Percilla (Stratton)	76	5	10
Dec.	26	Bennett, Frances E., daughter of Walter H. and Hattie A. (Martin)	1	10	
Sept.	26	Boyd, Catherine, daughter of John and Delia (Seymour)		1	20
Jan.	22	Charlesworth, Ami, widow of Thomas	72		
Jan.	11	Clark, Johanna, wife of Charles	49		
June	2	Clifford, Elizabeth B., widow of Simeon	83		
Nov.	17	Cummings, Walton H., son of Thomas and Lucinda (Wright) ..	86	4	1
May	12	Davis, Mary A., widow of Alfred S.	83	4	
Oct.	11	Delorenzo, Celeste, son of Osdaldo and Vincensa (DeMattia) ..	47	4	
Jan.	4	Delorenzo, Winnie, daughter of Celeste and Bartola (Delorenzo)	18	8	26
June	23	Dempsey, Johanna, daughter of John and Nancy (Leonard) ..	70		
March	19	Dumont, Alphonse, son of David and Demia (Dubois)	39	11	18
Jan.	30	Dumont, Frederick, son of Alphonse and Olive (Champney) ...	14		
Feb.	23	Elliott, Mary A., daughter of James and Mary A. (Boynton) ...		1	
June	10	Flanders, Charles A., son of Charles R. and Susie A. (Tufts) ...	31	10	
June	9	Fletcher, Laura A., daughter of Andrew and Laura (Chandler) ..	77	3	14
Feb.	4	Gagnon, James A., son of Sinar and Katherine (LeComb)	4	6	
Feb.	25	Green, John P., son of John R. and Martha	77	7	20
Dec.	7	Griffin, Jerald, son of Patrick and Mary E. (Leland)			21
Sept.	13	Healy, Alice R. daughter of Stephen and Edith (Darling)	1		5
Nov.	29	Hennelly, Patrick	42		
Oct.	13	Ingalls, Harold A., son of Harry M. and Zina L. (Mitchell) ...	4	6	26
Aug.	10	Lawrence, Matthew			
Dec.	23	LeDue, John W., son of Fredinand and Eugene (Frechette) ...		5	10
Feb.	22	Leighton, Amos, son of Reuben and Sarah (Wilson)	90	2	4
July	26	Leighton, Amos R., son of Amos and Elvina (Bacon)	45	7	8
Oct.	14	Madden, Bernard D., son of Michael and Margaret (Slattery) ...	63	10	
Jan.	25	Marchioni, Agnes, daughter of and Amylia (Marchioni) ...			4
June	2	McCarthy, Ellen, widow	58		
Dec.	25	Meers, Elizabeth, widow of John	78	8	13
March	31	Miller, Walter E., son of Frank E. and Lillian B. (Whitney) ...			1
Nov.	25	Murphy, Mary, widow of Michael J.	80		
April	4	Nelson, Mark A., son of Jasper H. and Ina P. (Ruiter)	1		13
May	11	Peckens, Fletcher, son of Marcus and Sally (Fletcher)	86	9	8
Feb.	23	Pivirotto, Zilborto, son of Fortunato and Maria (Marchioni) ...			21
Jan.	15	Prescott, Edward, son of Abram and Olive (Adams)	83	4	11
Sept.	2	Reed, Charlotte, widow of William	83		
Dec.	5	Rice, Charles A., son of Arthur J. and Almer (Warren)	21		
Nov.	23	Sherburne, John, son of Thomas J. and Betsey (Spaulding) ...	69	10	8
Sept.	17	Soucy, Joseph, son of Jean B. and Vlarie (Brousseau)	43	4	6
June	24	Tuttle, Nelson L., son of Alson and Mary (Whittemore)	60	11	
April	19	Weeman, Myra F., widow of Samuel H.	56	9	15
Aug.	7	White, Magdalene E., wife of William	69	8	
March	8	Wright, Alma G., wife of Gilman F.	51	2	4
Aug.	22	Wright, Everett E., son of Erastus and Elizabeth M. (Carr) ...	72	9	17
May	8	Wright, George P., son of Jacob and Sally (Smith)	83	6	26

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	29	20	49
Number of deaths in town	27	18	45
Residents of Westford	27	20	47

NOTE.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the town clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record, or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the town clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve some trouble in the future.

The town clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT ON DOGS.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1905.

157 males at \$2.00	\$314 00
13 females at \$5.00	65 00
Total	\$379 00
Clerk's fees, 170 licenses at 20 cents	34 00
Balance paid into County Treasury	\$345 00

Number of licenses since last return, November 29th, 1905:
males, 19; females, 6; total, 25.

Number returned by assessors: Males, 160; females 13;
total, 173.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES
SINCE LAST REPORT, FEB. 16, 1905.

Abbot Alice C.	McCarthy Robert J.
Abbot John C.	McCoy Frederick L.
Anderson Andrew	McDonald Angus
Banister Frank W.	McDonald William O.
Bartlett Thomas	McDougall Allister F.
Blaisdell Alvin J.	McGlinchey Michael L.
Blodgett Fred R.	McIntosh John (1904-5)
Blood Napoleon B.	Meades Dwight H.
Brisson Arthur (1904)	Miller Frank
Burke Dennis	Mountain George E.
Burnham Arthur H.	Moore George C.
Bussey George W.	Murphy Frank J.
Butterworth William L.	Murphy Henry J. (m. & f.)
Cahill Mike	Murphy William
Cameron Alexander A.	Nesmith Harry L. (f.)
Cameron Donald M.	Newman William H.
Cann Charles W.	O'Brien George

Carkin Warren E.	O'Brien James
Carmichael James H.	O'Brien James (3)
Carmichael John, Jr.	O'Brien James H.
Champaign Georgie	O'Brien John W. (f.)
Clements William M.	O'Brien Johanna
Comey Arthur H.	Osgood George P.
Crossland Christopher	Osgood Susan A.
Cummings Charles M.	Osgood Charles E. (1904-5)
Cummings Edward M.	Page Anna M.
Decatur Clarence R. (f.)	Payne James H.
Decatur John H.	Perkins George
Decatur Nathaniel J. (m. & f.)	Polley Alvin G.
Decatur William H. (m. & f.)	Prescott Frank B.
Delorenzo Celeste (2)	Prescott Lester
Demers Bartlett	Provost Thomas N.
Demers Thomas	Purcell Herman L.
Desjardins Oliver	Pyne Olive
Desmond David	Quinn John
Downs Matthew F.	Read Henry B.
Drew Frank C.	Reddick Lincoln A. (f.)
Drew George	Reed Charles W. (2)
Driscoll Michael D.	Richardson Joseph T.
Edwards Charles	Riney Hannah C.
Eliason Lars J.	Röckwell Guy L.
Elliott James	Salls Reuben
Elliott Matthew	Sargent Charles G. (2)
Evans Warren O.	Seifer William F.
Feeney John	Shaw Frank A.
Flagg Elbert H.	Shorey Fred H. (f.)
Fletcher Harry N. (2)	Shugrue Charles
Fletcher Herbert E.	Smith Matthew
Fletcher J. Herbert (m. & f.)	Smith William H. (f.)
Fletcher J. Henry	Smith William J.
Gibson George Q.	Splaine John B.
Gould Horace E.	Stephens Reinhold
Green Rosie E. (f.)	Stranburg Carl
Gregory Frank	Sullivan James P.
Greig John L.	Sullivan Timothy
Harrington Daniel W.	Swanson Noah
Hartford Ida F.	Sweatt Marion
Healy Frank (m. & f.)	Sweetser Judson F.
Healy John A.	Sweetser Warren P. (2 f. & m.)
Healy Henry J.	Thompson Joseph L. (f.)
Healy Stephen	Toper Samuel
Hedman Erick	Tuttle Aaron

Hildreth Charles W. (2)	Voyer Peter (2)
Hinckley Sylvanus E.	Ward John E.
Hunt Edward (2)	Wayne William
Hutchins Stephen E.	Weiman H. G.
Irish George F. (f.)	Whigham James
Jarvis Everett (f.)	Whitcomb Charles E.
Jasmin Paul	Whitney Arthur
Jenne Albert E. (2)	Whitney Edmon B.
Johnson William W.	Whitney George W. (m. & f.)
Kabele Henry M.	Wilkerson Lizzie
Kendrick George W. (f.)	Wilson T. Arthur E.
Kimball George A.	Woods William L.
Knight Joseph E.	Wright Addie S.
Larkin Thomas J.	Wright Flora M.
Leland Katherine	Wright Frank C.
Leonard Robert E.	Wright Hammet D.
Lumberg Axel	Wright Sidney B.
Martin Frederick	Wyman George W.
McCarthy Joseph F. (1904)	Wyman Walter W.
	York Mabel C.

February 16, 1906.

Annual Town Meeting, March 20, 1905.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, March 20, 1905, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator. Waldo F. Prescott and Joseph Wall appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk, and received from him the official ballots, and gave their receipt therefor. John M. Fletcher and Hammet D. Wright, appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, having been sworn, took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively. The ballot box was opened, and found to be empty; the register was placed at zero. The polls were declared open at 8 A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and on the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk, the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls. Amos R. Leighton and Walter A. Whidden were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing said ballots. They were sworn by the Town Clerk. It was voted to hold the polls open until 1.15 P. M.

At 1.15 P. M. the polls were declared to be closed. The register stood at 339. Number of names checked in the ballot clerk's list and ballot box list was: Males, 337; females, 2; total, 339.

Number of ballots cast: Males, 337; females, 2; total, 339.

2. Voted to take up the remaining articles of the warrant.
3. Voted to accept the report of the selectmen as printed.
4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed, and that the Selectmen, when new guide board are erected or old ones repainted, add thereto the name of the Road or Street.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on snow rollers, with instructions to purchase a snow roller not to exceed ten feet in width.

6. Voted to accept the report of the Overseer of the Poor as printed.

7. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed. Voted that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the purchase of books and periodicals and preparing a bulletin as therein requested.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed, and to appropriate the sum of \$200 as requested therein.

10. Voted to accept the report of the auditor as printed.

11. Voted to permit Nathan Prescott, Charles D. Colburn, Leonard W. Wheeler, Charles E. Osgood and James Spinner to withdraw their names from the list of jurors. Voted to add the names of J. Willard Fletcher, Jonathan H. Colburn, John P. Wright, Charles A. Blodgett and Edwin H. Gould to the list. Voted to accept the list of jurors as printed and as amended by the previous vote. This list is as follows: Charles A. Blodgett, farmer; Arthur J. Charlton, machinist; Jonathan H. Colburn, painter; Hugh Daly, woolsorter; Quincy W. Day, farmer; Asa B. M. Eastman, farmer; Charles Edwards, farmer; Elbert H. Flagg, farmer; John M. Fletcher, merchant; J. Willard Fletcher, farmer; Frank L. Furbush, carpenter; Edwin H. Gould, farmer; Frank Healy, teamster; Edwin E. Heywood, farmer; Frank H. Hildreth, farmer; George A. Kimball, farmer; Elmer E. Nutting, machinist; Nelson L. Prescott, farmer; Richard D. Prescott, farmer; Henry E. Shorey, farmer; Charles M. Trull, clerk, Joseph Wall, painter; Walter A. Whidder, farmer; John Wilson, farmer; John P. Wright, clerk; J. Everett Woods, farmer; Alred Woodbury, farmer.

12. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. on the amount collected.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000, and to appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto for repair of roads and bridges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for town debts and charges. Voted to appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for support of Public Schools.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500, and appropriate \$600 in addition thereto for High School purposes.

17. Voted to authorize the school committee to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of Westford Academy in regard to maintaining a High School.

18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for support of the Poor.

19. Voted to appropriate \$600 for the purchase of school text books and supplies.

20. Voted to dismiss Article 20.

21. Voted that the matter of purchasing a pair of horses or contracting for teams for the road department be left with the Selectmen, with full power to act.

22. Voted that the sum of \$1,000 be appointed for the purchase of a hearse, and that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen.

23. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of eleven to investigate the advisability of putting in a public water supply. The Moderator appointed the following named persons. Samuel L. Taylor, Oscar R. Spalding, Wesley O. Hawkes, Alec Fisher, Arthur H. Burnham, Hammet D. Wright, Walter J. Sleeper, Julian A. Cameron, John C. Abbott, Richard D. Prescott and Edward Fisher.

24. Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him, in anticipation of the taxes for the current year, and payable therefrom.

25. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and, if any taxes remain unpaid after

that date, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and collect the same according to law. There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed, of five per cent. if paid on or before October first, and three per cent. if paid on or before December first next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within three days after the first days of October and December, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received on or before the fifth day of October and December, and furthermore, the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February. And the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July first next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes, with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode, within five days after the said first day of July.

26. Chose the following officers by hand vote: Field Drivers, J. Herbert Fletcher, Waldo F. Prescott and William E. Symmes. Fence Viewers, Joseph E. Knight, Augustur Bunce and Almon S. Vose. Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber, Horace E. Gould, Charles A. Blodgett, David Desmond, Charles E. Osgood, John A. Healy, Waldo F. Prescott, Thomas E. Symmes, Alonzo H. Sutherland, William W. Johnson, Hugh A. Ferguson, Samuel L. Taylor, Willard H. Beebe.

27. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100 to commemorate Memorial Day, with instructions to the Veteran Association to hire a band.

28. Voted to refer Article 28 to the Overseers of the Poor and Board of Selectmen, with full power to act in the matter.

29. Voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the distribution of books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village, Brookside and Parkerville.

30. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to act as the Agent of the Town in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year.

31. Voted that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the purpose of suppressing the liquor traffic in town and that the Selectmen be authorized to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law.

32. Voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated, and that the Selectmen be authorized to offer that amount as a reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in Town.

33. The votes having been counted, the following named were found and declared to be elected to the respective offices:

Selectman—Oscar R. Spalding.

Assessor—J. Willard Fletcher.

Overseer of the Poor—Albert R. Choate.

Town Treasurer—Nahum H. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—William R. Taylor.

Constables—Samuel H. Balch and Edson G. Boynton.

School Committee—T. Arthur E. Wilson and Walter C. Wright.

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library for three years—Walter C. Wright. For one year—Hugh F. Leith.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—George T. Day.

Tree Warden—James Skinner.

“Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?” Yes, 115; No, 183; Blanks, 39.

The ballots used and unused were enclosed in separate envelopes, as also the voting lists, sealed, duly endorsed, as required by law, and delivered to the Town Clerk.

34. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

35. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 7, 1905.

Party Designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic;
P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Whole number of votes cast	152	119	43	314

GOVERNOR.

Charles W. Bartlett of Boston (D.)	35	58	16	109
James F. Carey of Haverhill (S.)	1	1	1	3
William H. Carroll of Boston (S. L.)	2	0	1	3
Curtis Guild, Jr., of Boston (R.)	111	54	23	188
Willard O. Wylie of Beverly (P.)	0	4	0	4
Blanks	3	2	2	7

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (S. L.)	0	0	0	0
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale (R.)	111	53	23	189
Patrick Mahoney of Boston (S.)	1	2	1	4
John H. Smith of Dalton (P.)	2	3	0	5
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline (D.)	33	54	15	102
Blanks	5	5	4	14

SECRETARY.

Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware (S.)	1	1	1	3
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham (P.)	3	3	1	7
Henry B. Little of Newburyport (D.)	28	43	12	83
William M. Olin of Boston (R.)	110	58	24	192
Moritz E. Ruther of Holyoke (S. L.)	0	1	0	1
Blanks	10	13	5	28

TREASURER.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Christopher D. Albro of Milford (P.)	1	4	1	6
David S. Brodeur of Brockton (S.)	1	2	2	5
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke (R.)	115	59	24	198
Joao Claudino of New Bedford (S. L.) . .	0	1	0	1
Daniel F. Doherty of Westfield (D.)	26	42	10	78
Blanks	9	11	6	26

AUDITOR.

Patrick J. Ashe of North Adams (D.) . . .	25	42	10	77
Herbert B. Griffin of Boston (P.)	1	4	0	5
E. O. Fredrick Hansson of Medford (S. L.)	0	0	0	0
Ambrose Miles of Lynn (S.)	1	2	2	5
Henry E. Turner of Malden (R.)	114	60	24	198
Blanks	11	11	7	29

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket (P.)	1	3	1	5
Henry C. Hess of Boston (S. L.)	1	1	0	2
John P. Leahy of Boston (D.)	29	42	11	82
Dana Malone of Greenfield (R.)	108	58	24	190
John Weaver Sherman of Boston (S.) . . .	2	2	2	6
Blanks	11	13	5	29

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

Alfred E. Cox of Malden (R.)	112	58	24	194
George W. Enright of Lowell (D.)	30	43	11	84
Wilbur R. Hatch of Malden (S.)	1	4	2	7
Blanks	9	14	6	29

SENATOR, SIXTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

Chester W. Clark of Wilmington (R.) . . .	117	61	28	206
Patrick J. O'Brien of Lowell (D.)	28	44	11	83
Blanks	7	14	4	25

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

Delette H. Hall of Acton (R.)	117	56	26	199
Gardner W. Prouty of Littleton (D.) . . .	30	45	12	87
Blanks	5	18	5	28

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, MIDDLESEX.

Frederick Bancroft of Reading (D.)	31	46	13	90
Levi S. Gould of Melrose (R.)	113	55	25	193
Horace Hamblett of Westford			1	1
Blanks	8	18	4	30

REGISTER OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY

(FILL VACANCY.)

Alfred Belanger of Cambridge (D.)	28	45	11	84
William E. Rogers of Wakefield (R.) . . .	116	55	27	198
Blanks	8	19	5	32

RETURN OF VOTES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR

TWENTY-THIRD MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Ayer	Little- ton	Shir- ley	West- ford	Total
Delette H. Hall of Acton	290	207	106	87	199	889
Gardner W. Prouty of Little- ton	48	150	78	49	87	412
Savillian W. Longley of Shirley				3		3
Blanks	9	27	7	21	28	92
Whole number of ballots	347	384	191	160	314	1,396

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden of Westford respectfully submits the following report:

As the method of suppressing the browntail moth which was adopted last winter proved to be satisfactory, the work has been continued in the same manner this season.

About twice as many webs have been gathered as were destroyed last year.

A number of large trees which were either dead or in a dying condition have been removed and pruning has been done in various parts of the town where branches overhung sidewalks and highways.

JAMES SPINNER,

Tree Warden.

February 12, 1906.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., February 21, 1906.

As Sealer of Westford, I submit the following report for 1905:

Number of hay scales	7
Number of platform scales	19
Number of spring balances	3
Number of counter scales	23
Total	52

WINE MEASURES.

Number of one gallon measures	4
Number of two quart measures	6
Number of one quart measures	3
Number of one pint measures	1
Total	14

GLASS JARS, WINE MEASURE.

Number of one quart jars	14
Number of one pint jars	6
Total	20

W. H. H. BURBECK,
Sealer.

Assessor's Report.

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1, 1905	\$766,845 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1905	464,922 00
Value of personal estate, May 1, 1905	401,387 00
	\$1,633,154 00

AMOUNTS RAISED.

Repair of roads and bridges	\$3,000 00
Town debts and charges	2,000 00
Public schools	6,500 00
High school purposes	1,500 00
Support of poor	1,000 00
State note	1,000 00
Library note	500 00
Interest on notes	300 00
	\$15,800 00
State tax	2,440 00
County tax	2,003 50
Highway tax	162 30
Additional tax	25 20
Overlayings	596 03
	\$21,027 03

Number of Polls	702
Houses	492
Horses	423
Cows	692
Swine	62
Fowl	2,020
Neat Cattle	209
Tax on one hundred dollars	\$1.20
Number acres of land	18,000

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1904

Ahoe, John	\$2 00
Anderson, Guy	2 00
Anderson, Henry	2 00
Anderson, Alec	2 00
Anderson, Carl	2 00
Brady, William	2 00
Beanney, James	2 00
Boucher, Fred	2 00
Connell, Charles	2 00
Connell, George A.	2 00
Campbell, Geo. P.	2 00
Charles, Martin	2 00
De Rosea, Oliver	2 00
De Laurier, Oliver	2 00
Fletcher, Neil	2 00
Fornen, Charles	2 00
Gadered, David	2 00
Gibbs, John	2 00
Goggin, Matthias	2 00
Gragian, Angelus	2 00
Harrington, James M.	2 00
Hammond, Thomas	2 00
Herveux, Joseph	2 00
Johnson, Hunt	2 00
Jasmine, Paul	4 80
Kevlick, Watson	2 00
Langlois, Alfred	2 00
Langlois, Raoal	2 00
Lahey, Michael	2 00
Merrill, Alec	2 00
McCall, Clarence	2 00
McZoly, James	2 00
Murphy, Thomas J.	2 00
Nibeary, Jelmus	2 00
Nortumen, Jacob	2 00
Phelps, Frank A. V.	2 00
Proux, Felix	2 00
Quinn, Frank	2 00
Sampson, E. J.	3 20
Salo, Mattie	2 00
Schlou, John	2 00
Schline, John	2 00
Amount carried forward	\$88 00

Amount brought forward	\$88 00	
Smith, Frank	2 00	
Swanson, Otto	2 00	
Wilkerson, George	2 00	
Zegunite, Tony	2 00	
		<hr/> \$96 00

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.
1905

Brown, John S.	\$2 00	
Bicknell, Arthur L.	2 00	
Decatur, Albert	1 20	
Demers, John	2 00	
Dane, Fred S.	2 00	
Drake, Elmer	2 00	
Edwards, John H., non-resident	2 00	
Gage, Daniel Estate	14 82	
Graboskey, Julius	2 00	
Healy, James R.	2 00	
Howard, Samuel	2 00	
Houle, Joseph	2 00	
Huckins, John P.	2 00	
Kevlick, Watson	2 00	
Mardust, William	2 00	
Marchioni, Arthur	2 00	
Madden, Bernard P.	2 00	
Parkhurst & Day, non-residents	78	
Prescott, Lester	2 00	
Sweetser, Judson F.	6 00	
Sweetser, Warren P.	1 00	
Sousie, Joseph	2 00	
Smith, Wm. H.	2 00	
Teleska, Rezinney	2 00	
Whidden, Ralph C.	2 00	
Wright, Chas. M., non-resident	1 20	
		<hr/> \$65 00

SUMMARY

Abatement of Taxes 1904	\$96 00	
“ “ “ 1905	65 00	
		<hr/> \$161 00

Respectfully submitted,
 GEORGE H. HARTFORD,
 SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
 J. W. FLETCHER,
 Assessors of Westford.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNCOLLECTED FEB. 19, 1906.

1904

Alvin J. Blaisdell	\$49 40
Samuel Fletcher estate	134 52
William W. Johnson	23 36
Daniel May	30
Herbert H. Mills	2 00
William E. Symmes	13 40
Mrs. Sarah F. Whitney	25 32
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	\$248 30
Collected since audit	6 60
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	\$254 90

1905

Thomas Bartlett	\$2 00
Archibald G. Bell	2 00
Hugh Bell	2 00
Charles H. Bicknell	16 28
Alvin J. Blaisdell	54 14
John Boyd	5 06
William Brady	2 00
John Bradley	2 00
John Burnett	2 00
James H. Burnham	2 00
Louis Champagne	2 00
David Connolly	2 00
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Amount carried forward	\$93 48

Amount brought forward.	\$93 48
Roger Crook	2 00
Joseph Curran.....	2 00
Irving T. Cummings	2 00
Mrs. Walter H. Cummings estate.....	9 00
C. R. P. Decatur.....	26 36
Joseph Decatur.....	2 00
William H. Decatur	61 16
Herbert A. Drew	2 00
John Duffy	2 00
Wm. Durneng	2 00
Linus F. Eaton	2 00
Samuel Fletcher estate	133 38
Thomas Foy	2 00
Charles Gagnon	2 00
Michael Garrity	6 60
Heldege Gadowriy	2 00
Patrick Gorman.....	2 00
William Hazlett.....	2 00
Frank Hennessey	2 00
Comexi Isaneni	2 00
Paul Jasmin	23 66
Mark W. Jenkins	18 26
W. W. Johnson	23 96
Gabriel Julian	2 00
Dennis Kelley	2 00
John J. Kelley	2 00
George Kesey	2 00
Selden W. Kimball.....	9 44
J. Kivlin	2 00
Napoleon Larme.....	2 00
Peter LaFavor	2 00
George Loring	2 00
Thomas C. Mackay	2 00
Carlo Marchioni	2 00

Amount carried forward..... \$455 30

Amount brought forward	\$455 30
Joseph Marshall	56 30
Alexander Martin	2 00
John V. E. Matson	2 00
Daniel May	2 00
Wm. McCrae	2 00
Hugh McGilbray	2 00
Walter J. Merritt	2 00
Herbert H. Mills	2 00
John Minchor	2 00
Patrick McKey	2 00
D. Moldari	2 00
Clifford A. Moore	11 00
Wm. Moynihan	2 00
Joseph Orange	2 00
Wilbert E. Parsons	24 92
Mrs. Wilbert E. Parsons	27 60
Walter Precious	2 00
Jacob Prackneck	2 00
Willard T. Reed	2 00
James C. Richey	2 00
Archibald Seymour	2 00
David Sherman	3 50
Rose A. Shugrue	26 52
Thomas Strain	2 00
William E. Symnes	11 84
Fletcher Symnes	7 40
John E. Ward	7 34
Wm. Welch	2 00
Sarah F. Whitney	27 06
George H. Whitney	2 00
George H. Wilkerson	2 00
Isaac Wright estate	1 80
Charles L. Adams	11 10
Mrs. Charles Vinal estate	2 40
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$713 68

Amount brought forward	\$713 68
Emily C. Blood	11 40
Charles S. Dodge	1 80
George L. Cady	23 55
Young & Stowell	31 26
Peter Mollahan	6 00
Warren O. Evans	72 00
Jacob Drake estate	2 40
G. Secord	2 00
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	\$859 89
Paid since audit	1,152 10
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	\$2,011 99

L. W. WHEELER,
Collector.

Selectmen's Report.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Treasurer.

Nahum H. Wright, salary (1904)	\$100 00
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expense	37 75
Nahum H. Wright, salary (1905)	100 00
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expense	40 25
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	\$278 00

Town Clerk.

Edward Fisher, salary	\$12 00
Recording 53 births at 50 cents each	26 50
27 marriages at 20 cents each	5 40
41 deaths at 20 cents each	8 20
Services at State election	5 00
Attending Town Clerk's meeting at Ayer	3 00
Making out report	5 00
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	\$65 00

Selectmen.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary	\$ 5 00
Making out State Aid Book	6 00
Making out 12 State Aid returns, under Chapter 79, Revised Law	6 00
Making out Town Report	15 00
Time and expense on highways	35 00
Extra time as selectman	45 00
Time perambulating town lines between Littleton and Westford	3 00
Cash paid for postage, stationery and telephoning ..	3 00
Time and carfare on account of electric railroad	25 00
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	\$143 00

Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	\$ 5 00
Time and expense on highways	15 00
Extra time as Selectman	35 00
Time and carfare on account of electric railroad	25 00

 \$80 00

Alec Fisher, salary	\$ 5 00
Time and expense on highways	30 00
Extra time as Selectman	25 00
Time perambulating town lines between Littleton and Westford	3 00
Time and carfare on account of electric railroad	25 00

 \$88 00

Auditor.

Hugh F. Leith	\$35 00
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Assessors.

George H. Hartford, 60 days taking invoice and mak- ing taxes	\$150 00
George H. Hartford, 10 days making out valuation report	25 00
Samuel L. Taylor, 44 days taking invoice and making taxes	110 00
Samuel L. Taylor, 6 days making out valuation re- port	15 00
J. Willard Fletcher, 53 days taking invoice and mak- ing taxes	132 50
J. Willard Fletcher, 3 days making out valuation report	7 50

 \$440 00

Tax Collector.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$18,693.66 at 1 per cent	\$186 93
Ætna Indemnity Co., collector's bond	40 00

 \$226 93

Constable.

J. A. Healy, posting warrants	\$3 00
S. H. Balch, posting warrants	5 00
S. H. Balch, notifying delinquent dog owners	15 00
S. H. Balch, services and expense on cases ...	5 00
E. G. Boynton, services and expenses ...	17 50
Joe Wall, services as special police	15 00
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	\$60 50

Registrars of Voters.

Nelson L. Tuttle, four meetings	\$ 8 00
Quincy W. Day, eight meetings	16 00
Alfred Woodbury, eight meetings	16 00
J. Herbert Fletcher, four meetings	8 00
Edward Fisher, eight meetings	16 00
Edward Fisher, Clerk of Board	10 00
J. A. Healy, use of hall for meeting of Registrars	6 00
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	\$80 00

Cattle Inspector.

George T. Day.....	\$80 00
Received from State.....	\$40 00
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	\$40 00

Town Counsel.

Edward Fisher, as per bill	\$93 69
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Truant Officer.

J. A. Healy, services 1905	\$10 00
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Precinct Officers, Ballot Clerks, Tellers, Etc.

Precinct One.

Homer M. Seavey, Warden, 1903	\$ 2 00
John M. Fletcher, Clerk, November, 1904	4 00
John M. Fletcher, Teller, March, 1905	2 00
Waldo F. Prescott, Ballot Clerk, 1903-1905	4 00
W. A. Whidden, Teller, March, 1905	1 00
T. Arthur E. Wilson, Teller, March and Nov. 1904	4 00
A. R. Leighton, Teller, March, 1904-1905	2 00
Amos B. Polley, Inspector, November, 1905	3 00
S. H. Balch, Warden, 1905	3 00
John M. Fletcher, Clerk, November, 1905	4 00
T. Arthur E. Wilson, Inspector, November, 1905	3 00
W. H. H. Burbeck, Inspector, November, 1905	3 00
Hammett D. Wright, Ballot Clerk, March, 1905	2 00

 \$37 00

Precinct Two.

A. R. Wall, Deputy Warden	\$ 2 00
Walter C. Wright, Clerk, November, 1905	4 00
S. H. Balch, Inspector, November, 1904	2 00
Timothy D. Riney, Warden, November, 1905	3 00
M. L. McGlinchey, Warden, March, 1905	4 00
Joe Wall, Inspector, November, 1904-1905	5 00
Joe Wall, Inspector, March, 1905	2 00
Hammett D. Wright, Deputy Clerk, November, 1905	2 00
E. G. Boynton, Inspector, November, 1905	2 00

 \$26 00

Precinct Three.

Amos B. Polley, Inspector, November, 1904	\$ 4 00
W. R. Taylor, Clerk, November, 1904	4 00
Henry B. Read, Inspector, November, 1904	3 00
W. R. Taylor, Clerk, November, 1905	4 00
H. G. Osgood, Inspector, November, 1905	3 00

 \$18 00

Tree Warden.

James Spinner, services	\$ 10 00
James Spinner, extra time	6 03
James Spinner, work on brown-tail moths	63 88
J. H. Sears, work on trees	8 68
J. H. Sears, work on moths	21 75
William Green, work on moths	24 75
William Green, work on trees	4 28
Harry Hartford, work on moths	41 25
Irving P. Wright, work on moths	28 50
L. W. Seems, work on moths	27 00
Charles Benson, work on moths	55 04
Nelson Prescott, work on moths	27 00
W. E. Carlin, work on moths	41 25
Alfred Sucey, work on moths	29 92
Louis Champagne, work on moths	30 60
George A. Prescott, work on moths	11 25
E. G. Boynton, work on moths	6 00
Albert W. Heywood, work on moths	9 75
Sidney W. Wright, work on moths	11 90
D. J. McLeod, work on moths	6 45
Charles McLenna, work on moths	3 50
S. A. Taylor, work on moths	9 00
W. F. Prescott, trimming trees, etc.	5 00
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	\$482 78

Undertaker.

George E. Gould, attending 30 funerals, 1904	\$60 00
George E. Gould, making 30 returns and permits	7 50
George E. Gould, attending 35 funerals, 1905	70 00
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	\$137 50

School Committee.

H. E. Richardson, Superintendent	\$800 00
H. E. Richardson, postage and stationery.....	10 50
H. E. Richardson, hiring teachers	4 85
H. M. Seavey, making Town and State Reports	10 00
H. M. Seavey, school census, labor and agent of supplies	132 02
Walter C. Wright, agent of supplies, cash paid for express, postage, etc.....	17 35
George H. Hartford, appraising school property and taking school census	25 00
Chamberlain & Co., register book and blanks, etc.	9 50
C. E. Whidden, express and carting	5 63
J. A. Healy, teaming, books, etc.	2 00
Blanche L. Samuels, as per bill	1 40
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	\$1,018 25

Town Common.

George E. Jenkins, care of common and flag	\$17 50
Al Bicknell, care of common and flag	17 50
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	\$35 00

Overseers of Poor.

By orders (See Overseer's report).....	\$1,404 73
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Sealer of Weights and Measures.

W. H. H. Burbeck, services	\$25 00
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Board of Health.

By orders (See Board of Health report).....	\$76 90
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SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS AND ARTICLES FURNISHED.

Centre School—Two Schools.

E. E. Babb & Co., 51 seats.....	\$172 75
Hugh A. Ferguson, labor	18 70
Aaron Tuttle, labor, chains, etc.	5 50
Wright & Fletcher, paint, broom, etc.	11 62
J. H. Colburn, labor and stock	4 35
M. F. Smith, 1 bottle disinfectant.....	1 00
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	\$213 92

Stony Brook School.

Nathan Prescott, labor and stock	\$65 50
P. Henry Harrington, labor and stock	164 57
H. H. Wilder, boiler, grate, labor, etc.	45 85
James H. O'Brien, gravel and grading	4 00
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	1 50
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	\$281 42

Forge Village School.

Brownell & Mason, cleaning furnace, carfare, labor, pipe, etc.	37 85
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill.....	14 77
J. A. Healy, cleaning vault	2 50
Hugh A. Ferguson, sand table	18 86
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	\$73 98

Nashoba School.

Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	\$2 03
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Graniteville School.

P. Henry Harrington, labor and stock	\$51 68
Robertson & Co., 8 chairs	14 00
Ruth P. Tuttle, 10 sheets cardboard	50
John Payne, labor	7 20
Abbot Worsted Co., labor, iron, bolts	12 75
J. A. Healy, cleaning vault	3 00
Bon Marche, shades,	\$6 75
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	\$95 88

Parkerville School.

C. M. Griffin, labor	\$ 1 25
Conant & Co., 2 chairs	3 30
J. H. Colburn, stock and labor	29 70
Conant & Co., putty, glass, etc.	3 00
George A. Kimball, grading	2 50
Wright & Fletcher, white lead, etc.	31 31
F. C. Banister, sand tray	1 00
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	\$72 06

Minot's Corner School.

J. E. Knight, labor	\$ 3 50
J. H. Colburn, stock and labor	13 65
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	\$17 15

Nabnasset School.

George H. Holt, repairing stove pipe	\$3.00
Hugh A. Ferguson, labor	6.50
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	\$9 50

Snow Roller.

J. A. Walkden, snow roller.....	\$65 00
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TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Edward E. Babb & Co.,	\$349 04
Rand, McNally & Co.	4 14
J. L. Hammett & Co.	71 51
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	7 14
Ginn & Co.	38 04
American Book Co.	3 28
Oliver Ditson Co.....	4 91
Educational Publishing Co.	1 50
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	4 08
C. W. Thompson & Co.....	1 72
Silver, Burdett & Co.	60
E. W. A. Rowles	6 00
Masury, Young & Co.	15 00
Macmillan Co.	4 55
J. M. Alcott.....	5 00
Milton Bradley Co.....	4 50
Wadworth, Howland & Co.	1 25
Cambridge Botanical Supply Co.	1 37
J. & I. E. Moore	7 70
S. A. Weaver.....	2 10
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	\$533 43

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian, Feb. 1, 1905 to Feb. 1, 1906.....	\$240 00
Mary P. Bunce, extra work, cash paid for freight, ex- press, etc.	48 27
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Amount carried forward.....	\$288 27

Amount brought forward	\$288 27
Ai Bicknell, Janitor from Feb. 1, 1905 to Feb. 1, 1906	150 00
Ai Bicknell, extra work	2 00
Thomas Lawler, ink	75
Chamberlain & Co., printing and stock	9 50
Herbert Mills, labor	3 45
W. W. Johnson, 10 loads gravel	10 00
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	13 51
Thompson Hardware Co., as per bill	10 53
Wright & Fletcher, coal	154 80
Hugh A. Ferguson, labor	51 80
James Stanley, cleaning clock	2 00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., as per bill	17 51
M. G. Wight & Co., 100 cards	2 10
George B. Crowley, repairing roof	10 75
Mrs. Catherine Kebler, cash paid for picture cord, hooks, etc.	5 65
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., burners, chimneys, etc. ..	9 75
Joe Wall, work on library floor	25 00
C. B. Colburn Co., floor brush, wax, etc.	3 00
O. R. Spalding, 2 cords trash wood	5 50
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	\$775 87

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

W. H. H. Burbeck, delivering and collecting books ..	\$75 00
W. E. Symnes, delivering and collecting books	40 00
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	\$115 00

PRINTING.

Courier-Citizen Co., 700 copies Town Reports and 30 copies School Reports	\$180 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 25 copies warrants	5 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 25 specimen ballots	7 50
Courier-Citizen Co., 540 official ballots	4 50
Courier-Citizen Co., 50 official ballots	1 75
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	\$198 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Chamberlain & Co., bill head, etc.	7 50
Wakefield Daily Item, assessor's notices and packet heads	3 00
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks, and posters	3 00
Chronotype Co., 1,000 assessor's blanks, holders, etc.	4 30
S. H. Fletcher, stamped envelopes	21 20
Alec Fisher, cash paid for stamped envelopes	10 60
Courier-Citizen Co., 100 copies Diplomas	12 00
Chamberlain & Co., letter heads, envelopes, etc.	32 50
Courier-Citizen Co., poster notices for voters	2 50
Huntley S. Turner, postals	1 75
M. G. Wight & Co., postal cards.	2 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 25 copies Town Warrants.....	3 00
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	\$302 10

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$100 00
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EXPENSES OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

E. G. Boynton, officer's fees	\$17 12
E. G. Boynton, Quinn case	50
H. C. Sherwin, Symmes vs. Whitney	5 45
Joe Wall, Shattuck case	4 70
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	\$27 77

Received from fines, \$32.81.

INSURANCE.

Holyoke, Dorchester, Traders, Mechanic and Penn. Companies, Town Farm	\$120 63
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TOWN HOUSE.

Joseph Sears, Janitor, from Feb. to April 1, 1905. . . .	\$ 16 00
John Feeney, Janitor, from Apr. 1905 to Feb. 1906 . .	83 00
Pearl Harmon, labor	4 50
Wright & Fletcher, coal	123 25
Chamberlain & Co., wash boiler	2 25
John Feeney, cash paid for forks and spoons	9 00
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	121 96
The Standard Extinguisher Co., extinguishers, etc. . .	69 00
James Stanley, repairing clock	1 25
J. Herbert Fletcher, oil, chimneys, etc.	22 08
Wright & Fletcher, oil, etc.	24 09
O. R. Spalding, sawed wood and slabs	13 00
John Feeney, extra work	6 50
Ai Bicknell, extra work	1 50
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	\$497 68

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory due from State	\$175 00
Rent of building	152 75
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	\$337 75

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

James A. Grhham. Feb. 1, 1905, to Feb. 1906.	\$96 00
Gilbert A. Hood, Feb. 1, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906.	48 00
To board and care of James Savage at St. John's Hos- pital. Feb. 11, to March 11, 1905. \$7 a week.	\$28 00
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	\$172 00

BURIAL DECEASED SOLDIERS.

George E. Gould, burial of John Green	\$34 00
\$34 to be refunded by State.	

STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same. as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From Jan. 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906	\$734 00
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PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By order	\$200 00
See Commissioners' Report.	

HEARSE.

Estate of George L. Brownell, hearse.	\$850 00
Amount allowed on old hearse, \$50.00.	
Selectmen, time and carfare going to New Bedford and Boston and unloading new hearse and load- ing old hearse.	23 95
Appropriation \$1,000.	
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	\$873 95

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

The following report on guide posts and guide boards is submitted:

We have renewed and painted ten guide boards with proper designation and name of street.

The expense has been as follows:

Joe Wall, painting and lettering 10 guide boards. ...	\$11 25
Waldo F. Prescott, work and team	4 00
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	\$15 25

FOREST FIRES AND OTHER FIRES.

The following fires have occurred during the past year, and estimated damage by the Forest Fire Wards:

1905	Name of Landowners.	No. of acres	Damage
April 9—	George Reed	3	\$ 15 00
	9—Fisher & Reed.	2	10 00
	11—J. H. Fletcher	6	30 00
	11—D. W. Sherman	4	28 00
	14—J. C. Blaisdell	8	80 00
	18—Charles F. Varnum . .	10	50 00
May 3—	D. Waller	4	40 00
	6—J. G. Abbot. Est.	8	80 00
	6—Heywood & Fletcher . .	2	20 00
	8—Parrot	4	20 00
	11—N. B. Blood	20	100 00
	11—J. T. Coburn	20	300 00
	11—H. Ingalls	20	50 00

FIRES—DWELLING HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

1905.

July 20—Barn of Louis Palmer at Graniteville. Value of building \$2,500. Insurance \$1,500.00

1906.

Jan. 21—House of Hiram Leland. Value of building \$200. No insurance.

THE FOLLOWING EXPENSE HAS OCCURRED.

J. A. Healy, expenses on several fires	\$103 50	
G. O. Jackson and others, expense at Parrot fire	5 75	
C. A. and F. R. Blodgett, expense at Pine Ridge fire	3 00	
Harry Hartford, expense at Pine Ridge fire	1 40	
H. E. Fletcher & Co., expense at Proctor and Cartwright fire	8 91	
Amount carried forward.	—	\$122 56

Amount brought forward	\$122 56	
J. T. Coburn, expense at Pine Ridge fire .	3 00	
Frank Prescott, expense at Grassy Pond fire	2 00	
Albert Prescott, expense at Grassy Pond fire	2 00	
J. W. Fletcher, expense at Grassy Pond fire	5 00	
O. R. Spalding, expense at several fires .	12 50	
J. A. Healy and others, expense at Louis Palmer's fire	16 60	
John Good, expense at Waller fire	2 60	
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Good Road Machine Co., road scraper and freight	\$200 00	
C. M. Griffin, removing tree from road ..	2 00	
E. G. Boynton, appraising property at Town Farm, 1905	2 00	
George E. Gould, taking old hearse to be repaired	2 00	
Dr. F. E. Varney, return of 23 births ...	5 75	
Dr. Joseph W. Godfrey, return of 6 births	1 50	
Dr. C. A. Blaney, return of 11 births	2 75	
Sherman H. Fletcher, postage for Town Reports	19 00	
Henry S. Bemis, rakes	1 12	
F. A. Smith, dinner for election officers .	5 00	
John M. Fletcher, appraising property at Town Farm, 1905 and 1906, and making report	6 00	
T. Arthur E. Wilson, appraising property at Town Farm, 1905	2 00	
Amount carried forward	<hr/>	\$249 12

Amount brought forward	\$249 12
Charles Coburn, appraising property at Town Farm, 1906	2 00
F. C. Wright, appraising property at Town Farm	2 00
M. W. Jenkins, blacksmithing	2 75
M. J. Egan, damage to wagon	2 75
Angus McDonald, whetstones	40
W. McLarney, as per bill	2 95
C. H. Bachelder, flag	18 46
Hobbs & Warren, state aid book, tax collector's book	7 25
Andrew S. Wright, drain pipe	4 50
M. D. Jones & Co., grave and war markers	7 50
W. H. Burbeck, labor on railing	3 99
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	1 60
Joseph Breck & Sons, lawn seats	27 00
Dr. Joseph R. Draper, return of 6 births	1 50
E. G. Boynton, 1 pair handcuffs	4 75
Thomas Rafferty, 60 boundstones	15 00
George O. Jackson, cleaning well at Town House	15 25
George O. Jackson, cash paid for use of pump	5 00
Frank E. Miller, blacksmithing	4 15
Dr. J. N. Murray, veterinary	3 00
Thomas H. Lawler, rubber stamp	50
Wright & Fletcher, drain pipe	21 15
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	11 64
J. H. Coburn, painting	5 00
John Feeney, dusters, straps for casket	15 50
J. A. Healy, 2 grates	2 45
J. Herbert Fletcher, 1 street hoe	80
O. R. Spalding, posts and lumber	25 32
Charles L. Hildreth, photographs taken on account of electric railroad	4 50
Amount carried forward	—————
	\$467 78

Amount brought forward	\$467 78	
Bartlett & Dow, tools for tree warden ..	10 25	
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., tools	7 50	
C. E. Whidden. express, freight and carting	36 07	
Abbot & Co., labor on drain pipe, etc ...	12 05	
	<hr/>	\$533 65

EXPENSES ENFORCING THE LIQUOR LAW UNDER
VOTE OF THE TOWN, MARCH 20, 1905,
WITH COURT EXPENSES.

Edwin F. Knight, services and expenses .	\$ 29 68	
W. O. Crooker, services and expenses ...	38 35	
C. M. Jones, services and expenses	29 78	
H. J. Matthews, services and expenses...	18 80	
Edward Fisher, legal services and ex- penses	26 71	
	<hr/>	\$143 32

S. H. Balch, received from court \$13.70	
E. G. Boynton, received from court \$11.25.....	\$24 95

Received From Fines.

Downs	\$ 75 00
Shugrue	75 00
Total expenses	168 27
Fines	150 00

Appropriation \$200. Amount of appropriation used \$18.27

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The bills show what months they were paid, but not in all cases, the month the work or expense occurred.

APRIL.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 52 88
Oscar Milot, labor	36 80
Archie Martin, labor	22 40
John Sillar, labor	33 60
H. G. Weiman, labor	26 48
H. L. Purcell, labor	36 80
Angus McDonald, teams	142 16
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	\$351 12

MAY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	205 00
John Sillar, labor	12 80
H. L. Purcell, labor	41 60
Oscar Milot, labor	41 60
H. G. Weiman, labor	41 60
Alexander McDonald, team	76 00
Mrs. Mary E. Brigham, team	64 00
John Boyd, labor	27 20
Archie Martin, labor	40 80
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	\$605 60

JUNE.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	187 20
Herman Weiman, labor	37 20
Oscar Milot, labor	32 00
Archie Martin, labor	34 40
H. L. Purcell, labor	37 20
John Boyd, labor	26 80
F. W. Banister, horse	3 45
Alexander McDonald, team	81 00
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	\$494 25

JULY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	200 00
Herman Weiman, labor	39 93
Oscar Milot, labor	39 20
H. L. Purcell, labor	25 60
Mrs. Mary Brigham, team	16 00
Archie Martin, labor	36 00
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	\$411 73

AUGUST.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	185 34
H. L. Purcell, labor	35 47
Oscar Milot, labor	33 87
Archie Martin, labor	32 27
Herman Weiman, labor	37 07
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	\$379 02

SEPTEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	212 90
Oscar Milot, labor	37 60
Herman Weiman, labor	36 19
Archie Martin, labor	36 00
Herman Purcell, labor	29 79
Edward G. Boynton, team	13 25
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	\$420 73

OCTOBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 51 00
Angus McDonald, teams	179 00
Herman Weiman, labor	36 80
Archie Martin, labor	36 80
John Lablashe, labor	35 20
Oscar Milot, labor	36 80
N. J. Decatur, labor	4 00
H. E. Gould, labor	1 50
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	\$381 10

NOVEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	110 00
John McFadden, labor	19 20
John Lablashe, labor	36 20
Alexander McDonald, team	87 60
Duncan Ramsay, labor	32 00
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	\$340 00

DECEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 25 68
Angus McDonald, teams	91 38
Alexander McDonald, team and labor	88 00
Duncan Ramsay, labor	12 80
John McFadden, labor	12 80
Herman Weiman, labor	12 00
Archie Martin, labor	30 80
John Lablashe, Jr. labor	4 80
John Lablashe, labor	16 00
John Good, labor	2 00
John O'Brien, labor	4 80
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	\$301 06

JANUARY.

Frank Banister, labor	3 20
Angus McDonald, labor and team	88 55
Alexander McDonald, team	64 00
John Lablashe, Jr. labor	12 80
John Lablashe, labor	12 80
George Blaisdell, labor	11 20
John O'Brien, labor	20 40
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	\$212 95

GRAVEL.

B. F. Day, 110 loads	\$ 5 55
O. R. Spalding, 70 loads	3 50
Augustus Bunce, 326 loads	16 30
Thomas Rafferty, 353 loads	17 65
Angus McDonald, 13 loads	65
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Amount carried forward	\$43 65

Amount brought forward	\$43 65
F. W. Banister, 544 loads	27 20
George Bussey, 31 loads	1 55
S. L. Taylor, 16 loads	80
Charles Walker, 114 loads	5 70
George Smith, 175 loads	8 75
Matthew F. Downes, 123 loads	6 15
Albert E. Jenne, 25 loads	1 25
John A. Healy, 11 loads	55
Charles Cummings, 12 loads	60
John Boyd, 74 loads	3 70
Mark Morrison, 94 loads	4 70
H. Leduc, 21 loads	1 05
Frank Drew, 583 loads	29 15
Morris Daly, 4 loads	20
Otis Wright, 52 loads	5 20
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	\$140 20

Acknowledgement and thanks are due:

H. E. Fletcher & Co , 403 loads gravel

M. F. Hutchins, 180 loads gravel.

Appropriation	\$4000 00
Expended on roads	\$3969 39
Expense of teaming and setting 60 bound stones on country road	68 37
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	\$4,037 76

Schedule of property belonging to the town for use of Road Department: 1 set of heavy harness, 2 carts, 1 sled, 4 whiffle-trees and chains, 2 spread chains, 4 horse collars, 1 wrench, 1 wagon jack, 2 heavy chains, 1 stone lifter, 1 pair hand splices, 6 rakes, 6 shovels, 1 manure fork, 6 stone forks. 3 plows. 10 blasting drills. 1 drill spoon. 6 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges. 4 bush snaths, 4 bush scythes, 1 axe, 5 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool

box, 3 large hoes, 6 picks, 6 iron bars, 1 pinch bar, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 2 stone hammers, 2 stable blankets, 2 street blankets, 3 stone drags, 2 yokes, 1 old road scraper, 1 gravel screen, 2 mattocks, 1 pail, 1 post spoon, 1 post hole digger, 2 feed bags, 1 trowel, 1 paving hammer, 2 pick handles, lot of sewer pipe, 1-2 barrel Portland cement, 1 set of heavy harness reins, 1 new road scraper.

BREAKING ROADS.

1905.

Charles Eastman	\$ 6 00
Harry Hartford	18 20
C. M. Griffin	12 25
C. H. Bicknell	1 70
R. D. Prescott	19 50
J. T. Coburn	16 00
John E. Ward	6 00
H. Kabele	2 55
A. Hedman	6 70
L. Eliason	14 80
H. E. Gould	25 80
J. F. Sweetser	3 55
C. F. Shugrue	15 20
Alec Courtney	2 70
James H. O'Brien	12 70
Olier Desjardins	4 60
A. W. Decatur	6 60
Maurice Daley	4 00
Arthur T. Blodgett	6 80
George Burke	8 00
Arthur Bicknell	49
Myron J. Woods	13 60
W. E. Carkin	2 20
George A. Kimball	7 73
Amount carried forward	\$217 67

Amount brought forward	\$217 67
Ernest H. Dane	8 00
A. H. Sutherland	3 40
A. B. Polley	6 00
Pearl Harmon	4 20
E. G. Boynton	1 00
David L. Greig	9 20
Edman B. Whitney	3 80
Bernard Flynn	3 20
George H. Whitney	90
A. S. Vose	7 40
R. D. Prescott	8 60
W. E. Carkin	1 40
T. O. Sullivan	8 40
Willard T. Reed	83
John O'Brien	5 70
F. C. Hildreth	19 20
Seth E. Blanchard	3 00
S. H. Balch	6 65
S. H. Shorey	28 90
W. T. Reed	3 50
W. W. Johnson	9 00
George Whitney	34 42
F. W. Banister	2 50
J. M. O'Brien	24 00
Burton Landers	60
Frank J. Murphy	78 55
Conure & Son	6 30
George Champagne	3 91
Alexander McDonald	12 12
Charles Whitcomb	97
John Payne	1 50
W. H. Wayne	1 00
G. R. Decatur	4 20
T. Arthur E. Wilson	6 80

Amount carried forward..... \$536 82

Amount brought forward	\$536 82
A. R. Leighton	1 40
G. F. Wright	2 40
A. H. Burnham	17 10
N. J. Decatur	1 30
A. E. Jenne	1 65
George Burke	9 00
Henry B. Read	12 60
C, A. Reid	3 30
W. H. Newman	3 20
George W. Kenrick	14 60
John Labrushe	13 80
Dennis Burke	3 75
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	\$620 92

ESTIMATES FOR 1906-1907.

In making these estimates for the amount of money asked for, to be raised or appropriated at the annual meeting, we have placed under the head of each department the amount that is asked for by that department,

SELECTMEN.

Highways	\$4000 00
Tow d bts and charges	3000 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Support of poor	\$1300 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools	\$6500 00
For High School purposes	2200 00
Text books and supplies for schools	600 00

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Books	\$150 00
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COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Public burial grounds	\$200 00
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Total number of orders, 461,

Total amount of orders, \$15,775.91,

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER.

Selectmen of Westford.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following names will be reported at the annual meeting in March to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the town:

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Joseph Banister,	Machinist.
Willard H. Beebe,	Carpenter.
Charles A. Blodgett,	Farmer.
Hugh Daly,	Wool sorter.
Asa B. M. Eastman,	Farmer.
Charles Edwards,	Farmer.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
John M. Fletcher,	Merchant.
J. Willard Fletcher,	Farmer.
Frank L. Furbush,	Carpenter.
George Q. Gilson,	Machinist.
Edwin H. Gould,	Farmer.
John Greig,	Farmer.
Frank Healy,	Teamster.
Albert A. Hildreth,	Clerk,
Frank H. Hildreth,	Farmer.
George A. Kimball,	Farmer.
Ebenezer Prescott,	Stone cutter.
Nelson L. Prescott,	Farmer.
Richard D. Prescott,	Farmer.
Henry E. Shorey,	Farmer.
Charles M. Trull,	Clerk.
Walter A. Whidden,	Farmer.
John Wilson,	Farmer.
John P. Wright,	Clerk.
J. Everett Woods,	Farmer.
Alfred Woodbury,	Farmer.

OSCAR R. SPAULDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

Westford, Mass., February 19, 1906.

Board of Health.

The Selectmen by law, acting as the Board of Health, respectfully submit the following report from March 1, 1905, to February 28, 1906.

The board organized as follows: chairman. Wesley O. Hawes; agents, W. H. H. Burbeck and Wesley O. Hawkes.

The town has been very fortunate the past year in not having any serious contagious diseases, A few cases of typhoid fever, diphtheria and measles have prevailed, These have been mostly in a mild form. The prompt report of our physicians to the board should not be passed without notice. By such notice, homes where the disease is located may be quarantined and the further spread of the disease checked. The board are truly grateful for these prompt acts and we believe we voice the people of our town.

CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE YEAR.

Diphtheria	1
Typhoid fever	2
Measles	9
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	12

EXPENSES,

Dr. W. J. Sleeper, bill	\$18 95
Dr. S. L. Joslin, bill	1 50
Falls & Burkinshaw. bill	2 20
Acid	1 25
W. H. H. Burbeck, services	15 00
Oscar R. Spalding, salary	3 00
Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	5 00
Wesley O. Hawkes, extra time	30 00
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	\$76 90

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

Board of Health.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1906:

The work of the Library while not marked by any unusual incident has been showing the same good results that it has in former years. The Librarian's report will give the circulation of books for the year and we are pleased to notice the large proportion taken by Graniteville, Forge Village and Parker-ville. In the Brookside district the circulation is small.

The increasing use being made of the reading rooms is also very gratifying and encourages us to continue our present good list of magazines.

The supplementary catalogue for which appropriation was made last year has finally been completed and is now at the Library ready for distribution. The delay in getting out the catalogue was occasioned by the printers' strike, which was in force for several months and during the continuance of which it was impossible to get any work done.

On account of the poor facilities for exhibiting the many interesting and instructive photographic views received periodically from the Massachusetts Art Library Club, it seemed advisable to have a rack constructed for that purpose. This was placed in the Library hall where the pictures can now be seen to good advantage,

In order to properly preserve the hardwood floors in the building and prevent their splintering, it was necessary to have them gone over early in the year. Nothing had been done to these floors for several years and they were getting into poor condition, but with a little attention and an occasional application of floor wax and a weighted brush. they can now be kept in good order for many years.

Among the many gifts received during the year special mention may be made of the portrait of Dr. Draper, your late Trustee, given by Mrs. Draper, and of the portrait of Mr. Sher-

man D. Fletcher, a man for many years closely identified with the best interests of the town, given by Miss Emily F. Fletcher.

During the winter good use has been made of the hall in the Library by the Woman's Literary Club. The hall is admirably suited to such purposes and could well be used if provided with a few additional seats. We are much indebted to the Selectmen for their courtesy in loaning us three or four settees from the Town Hall for use during the past winter and recommend an appropriation for the purchase of ten three seat settees for future use in the hall,

We also recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty (\$150.00) dollars be raised and appropriated in addition to the sum received for dog licenses for 1906. for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year.

CATHARINE A. KEBLER, Chairman.

HUGH F. LEITH,

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

 RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1905	\$50 99
Appropriation for catalogue	50 00
Appropriation for books	150 00
Dividend from Augustus Fletcher fund	40 00
Dividend from Laws fund	40 12
Dividend from Stone fund	60 02
Dog licenses	324 30
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	\$715 43

PAYMENTS.

Old Corner Book Store, books	\$188 85
Geo. E. Littlefield, books	2 70
Union Library Association, books	11 33
Balch Bros. & Co., books	3 00
Review of Reviews Co., books	2 30
Cottrell's Subscription Agency, magazines	53 15
Publishing Weekly Co.,	6 00
David Farquhar, binding	71 65
Courier-Citizen Co., labels	1 50
Bills in hand not paid	
Old Corner Bookstore, books	223 65
Publishing Weekly Co., books	4 00
Courier-Citizen Co., catalogue	64 00
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	\$632 33
Balance on hand	83 10
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	\$715 43

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of volumes purchased	588
Number of volumes replaced	83
Number of volumes presented	25
Public documents received from the State	7
Public documents received from the U. S.	21
Magazines bound	44
Whole number of volumes added during the year ...	685
Number of volumes lost	2
Number of volumes discarded	70
Whole number of volumes in the Library	13,507
Number of pamphlets added	101
Volumes sent to Graniteville	1,324
Volumes sent to Forge Village	646
Volumes sent to Parkerville	692
Volumes sent to Brookside	273
Volumes loaned at the Library	7,323
Entire circulation	10,258
Cash on hand from last year	\$1 51
Fines received	5 71
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	\$7 22
Paid for supplies	5 91
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Balance	\$1 31

MAGAZINES SUBSCRIBED FOR.

Harper's, Century, Scribner's, Forum, North American Review, Bookman, Atlantic, Popular Science Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Littell's Living Age, McClure's, Library Journal, St. Nicholas, Munsey, New England, Birds and Nature, Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Weekly, Success, Annals, Cumulative Index to Periodicals.

EXHIBITS OF PICTURES FROM THE LIBRARY ART CLUB.

New Brunswick, English Country Churches, Arizona, Switzerland, Australia, Venice, Yellowstone Park, Assisi, Velasquez, Scotland.

GIFTS IN 1905.

Mrs. J. R. Draper, portrait of Joseph R. Draper, M. D.
Miss Emily F. Fletcher, portrait of Mr Sherman D. Fletcher.
Miss Myra L. White, Haverhill, three volumes.
New England Historical Genealogical Society, sixteen volumes.
Hiram Dane, one volume.
International Reform Bureau, one volume.
Waldo E. Conant, Littleton, one volume.
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, one volume.
Lee and Shepard, one volume.
Mrs. George T. Day, one volume, fifteen pamphlets, eight magazines, two maps, three newspapers, several programmes and documents.
Fred F. Wiggin, one pamphlet.
Rev. C. C. P. Hiller, one pamphlet.
Miss Emma F. Blood, Groton, one pamphlet.
Mrs. H. W. Whitney, Groton, one pamphlet.
J. M. Fletcher, one pamphlet.
Lowell City Library, one pamphlet.
Mrs. Helen Leighton, ancient document.
C. F. Keyes, ancient document.
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, specimen of tourmaline.
Miss Emily F. Fletcher, specimen of Cooper's hawk.
Henry A. Fletcher, humming-bird's nest.
Miss Harriet B. Rogers, N. Billerica, photograph of Laura Bridgman and Oliver Caswell, and autograph letters of each.

CURRENT MAGAZINES GIVEN FOR READING ROOM.

Outlook, Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, Rhodora.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

For Milk	\$1,035 04	
Elbridge Reed, board	144 00	
Thomas Carney, board	114 00	
Wood	119 00	
Labor	123 82	
Cows	57 00	
Hay	138 64	
Rent.	35 00	
Pork	26 00	
Potatoes	18 25	
Calves	21 50	
Cranberries	12 56	
Breaking roads	6 65	
Horse	75 00	
Use of telephone	3 89	
Use of bull	4 50	
Fire Warden	5 00	
Vinegar	3 60	
Use of tools	2 00	
Keeping prisoners	3 25	
Tobacco	2 50	
Plums	2 50	
Use of boat	2 00	
Eggs	1 42	
Sacks	3 80	
Barrels	6 50	
Old horse rake	3 00	
Old plow	2 50	
Old roller	50	
E. G. Boynton, as Constable	56 67	
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		\$2,030 09
Cash on hand, Feb. 20, 1905		84 73
Drawn from Town Treasurer		1,082 50
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		\$3,197 32

TOWN FARM PAYMENTS.

Paid for S. H. Balch and wife, salaries from Jan. 1, 1905 to April 1, 1905.....	\$137 50
E. G. Boynton, salary from April 1, 1905, to Jan 1, 1906 ..	300 00
Mrs. E. G. Boynton, salary as Matron from April 1, 1905, to Jan. 1, 1906	75 00
Groceries	436 87
Grain	468 06
Labor	429 50
Meat	161 99
Coal	104 88
Cows.....	130 00
W. J. Sleeper M. D.....	103 05
Cutting wood	40 00
Butter	81 55
Fish	19 80
Medical supplies	25 77
Clothing for inmates	24 25
Dry goods	29 34
Harness work	20 91
Phosphate	38 25
Funeral expense True A. Bean	27 90
Horse	\$250 00
Tobacco	20 11
Lumber	7 69
Telephone	21 23
Filing saws	1 90
Seed potatoes	4 00
Wallpaper	5 17
Repairing Furnace.....	2 50
Repairing clocks	2 00
Wash tub.....	1 45
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$2,970 67

Amount brought forward	\$2,970 67	
Paint	7 15	
Filling silo	49 50	
Hens	12 00	
Sundries	12 01	
Repairing water pipe	8 25	
Repairing machine	3 28	
Pigs	13 00	
Hardware	15 30	
Car fare	8 22	
J. N. Murray, V. S.	3 00	
Seed corn and garden seeds	6 54	
Blacksmith and wheelwright work	33 00	
Ice	6 25	
R. F. D. mail box	2 75	
Snow bills	2 25	
Killing hogs	2 00	
Planting corn	2 00	
Making cider	1 16	
Sharpening lawn mower	1 00	
B. C. M. P. C., second installment	2 00	
Copy of plan Town Farm	1 00	
Lowell Morning Citizen	3 00	
Freight	75	
Express	65	
E. G. Boynton, as Constable ...	23 07	
	<hr/>	\$3,189 80
Cash on hand Feb. 7, 1906		7 52
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		\$3,197 32
Cash on hand, Feb. 20, 1905	\$ 84 73	
Drawn from Town Treasurer	1,082 50	
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Cash on hand, Feb. 7, 1906		7 52
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Net expense at Farm		\$1,159 71

PERSONS SUPPORTED AT TOWN FARM.

Name	Age	Admitted	Discharged
Thomas Carney	About 95	Jan. 31, 1877	
Elbridge Reed	79	Apr. 10, 1904	Feb. 24, 1906.
Varnum T. Fletcher	63	Mar. 28, 1901	
Asa Dearborn	About 81	Apr. 18, 1904	
Alice Jackson	60	June 4, 1904	
Caroline A. Perham	82	Jan. 23, 1894	
Mary E. Cowdrey	47	Feb. 24, 1900	
Fidelia Clark	83	Nov. 9, 1905	
Sarah J. Ingalls	43	Mar. 22, 1905	
Louisa A. Leland	85	Dec. 22, 1904	May 13, 1905.
Louisa A. Leland	85	Jan. 21, 1906	

Number of tramps lodged and fed, 334.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid J. F. McManimon, groceries for C. E.		
Vinal	6	35
James P. Dunigan, coal for C. E.		
Vinal	2	08
J. S. Wotton, burial of Lizzie H. S.		
Vinal	18	00
F. E. Varney M. D., aid to Lizzie H		
S. Vinal	11	00
Mrs. John W. Vinal, aid to Lizzie H.		
S. Vinal	7	00
John Marinel Jr., wood for Lizzie H.		
S. Vinal	75	
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		\$45 18
J. A. Healey, burial of Alphonse		
Dumont	15	00
W. J. Sleeper M. D., aid to Willie		
Dumont	16	65
Town Farm, wood for Mrs. Marie		
Dumont	2	50
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Town Farm, wood for Mrs. Leland . . .	11 25	
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid to Mrs. Leland	1 00	
Wright & Fletcher, groceries for Mrs. Leland	5 00	
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W. J. Sleeper M. D., aid to Joseph Sears		2 25
J. A. Healey, burial of Raymond Baker		10 00
City of Lowell, aid to Margaret Casey		31 50
City of Boston, aid to Helen McLeod		48 00
City of Malden, aid to Ella Raymond		31 50
Town of Pepperell, aid to Charles O'Dell		40 40
L. W. Wheeler, salary as Overseer . .	10 00	
L. W. Wheeler, extra time and expense as Overseer of Poor	20 00	
L. W. Wheeler, making report to State	5 00	
L. W. Wheeler, making report to Town	5 00	
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A. H. Burnham, salary as Overseer .	10 00	
A. H. Burnham, extra time and expense	2 00	
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A. R. Choate, salary as Overseer		10 00
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		\$322 23

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from Town of Groton, aid to Frank Bartley	3 00
G. W. Hill, rent of Leland land	2 00
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	\$5 00

Payments on account of outdoor poor . . .	\$322 23
Reimbursements	5 00
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Net expense of outdoor poor	\$317 23

STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1,404 73	
Cash in hands Master of Almshouse, Feb. 20, 1905.	84 73	
Cash income of Farm	2,030 09	
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Expense of outdoor poor	\$322 23	
Payments at Farm	3,189 80	
Cash in hands Master of Almshouse Feb. 7, 1906.	7 52	
	<hr/>	\$3,519 55
Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1,404 73	
Reimbursements	5 00	
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Net draft from Town Treasurer		\$1,399 73
Net expense at Farm	\$1,159 71	
Net expense of outdoor poor	317 23	
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Net expense of poor		\$1,476 94

L. W. WHEELER,
A. H. BURNHAM,
A. R. CHOATE,

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,
FEBRUARY 3, 1906.

Groceries.....	\$17 01	
Vegetables	56 50	
180 lbs. pork and hams.....	19 60	
3 bushels beans	5 25	
Balance personal property at house	356 60	
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		\$454 96
11 cows	\$565 00	
1 bull	25 00	
2 horses	350 00	
11 tons English hay	187 00	
4½ tons clover hay	63 00	
9 tons stock hay	108 00	
4 tons meadow hay	32 00	
18 tons ensilage	90 00	
1 two horse dump cart	50 00	
1 two horse sled	20 00	
2 hay and farm wagons	75 00	
1 Democrat wagon	35 00	
Wheel and spring tooth harrow.....	20 00	
Horse rake and tedder	39 00	
1 double sleigh	18 00	
1 horse power and saw and belts	75 00	
1 hay fork and gear	28 00	
Double and single harness	50 00	
41 cords wood	177 00	
4 tons coal	31 00	
Balance personal property at barn and outbuildings	314 13	
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		\$2,352 13
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		\$2,807 09

JOHN M. FLETCHER,
FRANK C. WRIGHT,
CHAS. D. COLBURN,
Appraisers.

Treasurer's Report.

Westford, Mass., March 7, 1906.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:—

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand	\$7,894 75
To cash borrowed	8,000 00
From State corporation tax	8,586 65
State bank tax	477 17
Soldiers' families	672 00
Income Mass. school fund	858 99
Burial indigent soldiers	35 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses	324 30
J. H. Sears, janitor Town Hall	7 50
John Feeney, janitor Town Hall	145 25
John Feeney, old junk sold	4 45
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	157 86
State, on account Supt. Schools	625 00
Income Library Funds	140 14
State, on account Inspector of animals	40 00
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1903	322 47
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1904	553 46
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector before Oct 1, 1905.....	15,536 06
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector before Dec. 1, 1905.....	1,071 58
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector after Dec. 1, 1905	1,487 82
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1903, interest ...	29 57
Amount carried forward	\$46,970 02

Amount brought forward	\$46,970 02
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1904, interest ..	19 63
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1905, interest ..	4 25
Town of Groton, on account paupers	3 00
Geo. T. Day, wood alcohol	33
Alec Fisher, butcher's license	1 00
L. W. Wheeler, rent of Leland land	2 00
Joe Wall auctioneer's license	2 00
Guy V. Stapleford, license No. 270	8 00
Alvan Fisher, auctioneer's license	2 00
A. J. Abbot, wood alcohol	1 95
W. H. H. Burbeck, sealer weights and measures	21 12
W. H. H. Burbeck, formalde hyde sold	30
J. A. Healy, on account forest fires	3 00
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	\$47,038 60

PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes and interest	\$9,836 60
State tax	2,440 00
County tax	2,003 50
Orders and incidental expenses	15,775 91
Repairs, State highway	162 30
On account schools	9,596 39
On account Library	340 68
Cash on hand	6,883 22
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	\$47,038 60

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,
Treasurer of Westford.

Auditor's Report.

I submit herewith a report of my examination of the different departments of the Town for the year ending Feb. 28th, 1906. I have found the Cash Books and Ledgers to be correctly footed, and proper vouchers on file for the payments.

Taxes.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler For Year 1903.

To balance to collect March 1, 1905	\$322 47	
Past due interest collected	29 57	
	<hr/>	\$352 04
By taxes collected since Feb.		
22, 1905	\$322 57	
Less amount overpaid to Treasurer in first settle- ment	10	
	<hr/>	\$322 47
Past due interest collected ...	29 57	
	<hr/>	\$352 04
Leaving no balance to collect.		

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler For Year 1904.

To balance to collect March 1, 1905	\$897 56	
Additions since last audit as per Assessor's notices ...	2 00	
Past due interest collected ..	19 63	
	<hr/>	\$919 19
Less abatements since last audit as per Assessor's notices	91 20	
	<hr/>	\$827 99

By taxes collected since last audit	\$553 46	
Past due interest collected ..	19 63	
	<hr/>	\$573 09
Leaving a balance to collect of		\$254 90

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler For Year 1905.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessor's warrant as follows:

Real Estate	\$14,781 20
Personal Estate	4,816 64
Polls, 702	1,404 00
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	\$21,001 84

Additions since issue of warrant, as per Assessor's notices	36 50
Past due interest on taxes paid after Jan. 1, 1906	4 25
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	\$21,042 59

Less abatements for year as per Assessor's notices	80 20	
	<hr/>	\$20,962 39

By net collections to Oct. 2, 1905.....	\$15,536 06
5 per cent. discount on assessed value of same (\$16,353.74)	817 68
	<hr/> \$16,353 74

Net collections for Oct. and		
Nov. 1905	\$1,070	44
3 per cent. discount on		
assessed value of same		
(1,103.55)	33	11
Collected without discount	1	14
	<hr/>	\$1,104 69

Net collections from Dec. 1, 1905, to Feby. 20, 1906.....	\$1,487 82	
Past due interest on taxes paid after Jan. 1, 1906	4 25	
	<hr/>	\$1,492 07
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		\$18,950 50
Leaving a residue to collect of		\$2,011 89

Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk issued licenses during the year for		
157 male dogs at \$2.00.....	\$314 00	
13 female dogs at \$5.00	65 00	
	<hr/>	\$379 00
Less Clerk's fees for 170 licenses at 20c. each		34 00
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and receipted for by him		\$345 00

Selectmen.

461 orders, amounting to \$15,775.91, were drawn by the Selectmen on the Treasurer and for which proper vouchers are on file.

Superintendent of Town Farm.

To balance cash on hand Feb. 1, 1905 (S. H. Balch)	\$ 84 73	
Receipts from all sources to April 1, 1905	396 47	
	<hr/>	\$481 20
By payments to April 1, 1905	\$468 39	
Balance cash on hand April 1, 1905	12 81	
	<hr/>	\$481 20

To balance cash on hand April 1, 1905, (E. G. Boynton)	\$ 12 81	
Receipts from all sources from April 1, 1905 to Feb. 1, 1906	2,716 12	
	<hr/>	\$2,728 93
By payments from April 1, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906	\$2,721 41	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1906	7 52	
	<hr/>	\$2,728 93

Overseers Of Poor.

L. W. Wheeler, — — — Chairman.

To amount received from Town Treas- urer for the year to Feby. 1, 1906 ..	\$1,404 73
By payments for year to Feb. 1, 1906 ...	1,404 73

Library.

N. H. Wright, Treasurer.

To balance cash on hand March 1, 1905..	50 99	
Receipts during year from all sources	\$664 44	
	<hr/>	\$715 43
By payments for year to March 1, 1906 .	\$340 68	
Cash on hand March 1, 1906	374 75	
	<hr/>	\$715 43

Treasurer.

To cash on hand Mar. 1, 1905	\$ 7,894 75	
Receipts from Mar. 1, 1905 to Mar. 1, 1906	39,143 85	
	<hr/>	\$47,038 60
By payments to Mar. 1, 1906	\$40,155 38	
Cash on hand March 1, 1906	6,883 22	
	<hr/>	\$47,038 60

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

Assets.

Uncollected taxes for year 1904	\$ 254 90	
Uncollected taxes for year 1905	2,011 89	
Due from State Aid (Soldiers' families) ..	734 00	
Balance cash on hand with Supt. of Town Farm	7 52	
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer ...	6,883 22	
	<hr/>	\$9,891 53

Liabilities.

Due State Treasurer on Library loan of \$5,000	\$ 500 00	
5 months interest on same at 4 %	8 33	
Due State Treasurer on loan for town's expenses	7,000 00	
5 months interest on same at 3 1-5%	93 33	
	<hr/>	\$7,601 66
Balance assets over liabilities		<hr/>
		\$2,289 87

The balance of assets over liabilities Mar. 1, 1905 was		\$749 97
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W. R. TAYLOR,
Auditor.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners report as follows:—

The funds for the perpetual care of lots still show an increase in number—six having been added the last year—making the whole number forty-two. Of these 32 lots are in Fairview, 9 in Westlawn, and 1 in Hillside Cemetery. Where there is danger, in the near future, of any lot being neglected, no one being left to care for it, we would again urge the importance of considering the subject of a perpetual care fund by those at present interested in looking after such lots. Fairview Cemetery has received its usual good care from C. N. Richardson, who has charge. The graves of Civil War soldiers, not cared for by relatives or friends, have been put in order and in future will be cared for by the Commissioners and the lot, where John Butler and John P. Green are buried, has been selected as a “Soldiers’ Lot” where those, having no family lot or relatives in town, can be buried. The Commissioners have decided that all persons, having an unoccupied lot, shall within twelve months after the time of taking such lot, be required to grade and keep the same in good order or forfeit the lot. This decision has been made to prevent, if possible, any neglected lot injuring the appearance of any otherwise well kept avenue or path. J. T. Colburn having given up the care of Westlawn Cemetery, the Commissioners have appointed W. H. H. Burbeck in his place. Hillside Cemetery is also under Mr. Burbeck’s care. Many of the lots suffered from the unusually dry weather in the Spring and early Summer and therefore did not show so good results from the labor spent as usual at the several cemeteries. T. E. Symmes has been employed by the Commissioners to survey and make a plan of Westlawn and Hill side cemeteries, showing

the occupied lots, and the unoccupied ground has been divided into lots, as well as could be done under existing circumstances. Each is numbered on the plan and a marker with the number will be placed at each lot, as soon as the weather will permit. We find that several lots have received care the last year, but the persons owning the lots have failed to pay the usual small charge for such care. We would ask all persons to carefully read the notice sent by order of the Commissioners each year, on or before April 1, and that they answer the request, in order that the Commissioners may know what they desire done to their lot. The Commissioners would respectfully recommend the sum of \$200 for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the several cemeteries.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS.

RESIDENTS.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S., care of tomb	\$ 5 00
Atwood, Mrs. C. M., 195 and 196, E. D.	2 00
Baker, Mrs. John, 330, E. D.	1 00
Barton, Edmund, 40 and 41, W. D.	2 00
Beebe, Mrs. Agnes, 234, E. D.	1 00
Bennett, Joseph, 61, E. D.	1 00
Bicknell, Ai, two lots, Fairview	2 00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L., 333, E. D.	1 00
Bunce, Augustus, 11 and 12, W. D.	2 00
Burnett, William, 37, E. D.	1 00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T., 236, E. D.	1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank, 26, W. D.	1 00
Carkin, Mrs. Clara P., 145 and 338, E. D.	2 00
Carmichael, John, 68, W. D.	1 00
Carmichael, John B., 345, E. D.	1 00
Carrick, Mrs. Wm., 328, E. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward \$25 00

Amount brought forward.....	\$25 00
Caunter, Mrs. E., 21, 22 and 326, E. D.	3 00
Collins, P. G., 35, W. D.	1 00
Day, Arthur E., 202, E. D.	5 00
DeRohen, Mrs. Andrew, 232, E. D.	1 00
Drew, F. C., 30, E. D.	1 00
Drew, George, 163 and 164, E. D.....	2 00
Drew, Henry A., 260, E. D.	5 00
Eaton, Mrs. C. E., 243, E. D.....	1 00
Fletcher, Mrs. C. H., 194, E. D.	1 00
Fletcher, Charles L., 42, W. D.	1 00
Fletcher, F. L., 83, W. D.	1 00
Fletcher, John M., 197 and 198, E. D. and 76, W. D.	3 00
Fletcher, J. W., 154, E. D.	1 00
Follansbee, C. H., lot in Hillside Cemetery	1 00
Frost, Mrs. W. E., 17, E. D.	1 00
Gardel, August, 368, E. D.....	1 00
Gilson, George Q., 332, E. D.....	1 00
Gilson, L. S., 60 and 75, W. D. 320, E. D.	3 00
Gower, Wm., 42, E. D.	1 00
Grieg, John, 14, W. D.	1 00
Harris, Mrs. C. A., 365, E. D.	1 00
Hawkes, W. O., 112 and 5, W. D.	2 00
Hewett, Miss C. E., 116, W. D.	1 00
Heywood, Edwin E., 337, E. D.	1 00
Hildreth, F. A., 43, W. D.	1 00
Hildreth, Mrs. F. C., Fairview	1 00
Hindle, Frank, 336, E. D.	1 00
Hosmer, Francis, 325, E. D.	1 00
Humiston, E. F., 136 and 142, E. D.	2 00
Hunt, Edmund J., 367, E. D.	1 00
Jenne, Albert E., 310, E. D.	1 00
Johnson, Andrew, 158, E. D.	1 00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A., 39, E. D.	1 00
Longbottom, Mrs. Arthur, 249, E. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward.....	\$76 00
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Amount brought forward.....	\$77 00
Luce, Miss R. E., Fairview	1 00
Miller, F. E., 36, W. D.....	1 00
Millis, George F., 57, W. D.	1 00
Morton, F., 331, E. D.	1 00
Moss, James L., 242, E. D.	1 00
Orange, Joseph, 48, E. D.	1 00
Orr, Robert, 312, E. D.	5 00
Polley, Miss Helen, 160, E. D.	1 00
Precious, Miss Sarah, 47, E. D.	1 00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A., Fairview	1 00
Prinn, Alfred, 67, W. D.	1 00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H., 322, E. D.	1 00
Shaw, Miss M. C., 355, E. D.	1 00
Smith, Miss Clara A., 95, W. D.	1 00
Stewart, James, 138, E. D.	1 00
Symnes, Thomas E., two lots in Fairview	2 00
Taylor, Albert D., 258, E. D.....	1 00
Taylor, Mrs. S. L., Law lot	3 00
Walkden, J. A., 155, E. D.	1 00
Welch, Wm., 18, E. D.	1 00
Wheeler, Mrs. Mary J., 77, W. D.	1 00
Whidden, C. E., Whiting lot	2 00
Whigham, Wm., 54, E. D.	1 00
White, Wm., 96, W. D.	3 00
Whitney, Mrs. Hiram, 100, W. D.	1 00
Willis, Samuel, 20, W. D.	1 00
Wood, Henry O., 309, E. D.	1 00
Woodbury, Alfred, 311, E. D.	1 00
Woods, Myron J., 155, E. D.	1 00
Woods, William L., 148, E. D.	1 00
Wright, Andrew L., 28 and 29, W. D.	2 00
Wright, Mrs. F. C., 59, E. D.	1 00
Wright, George P., 25, E. D.	1 00
Wright, N. H., 46 and 47, W. D.....	2 00
Wright, Mrs. W. M., 24, E. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$123 00

Amount brought forward \$123 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Abbot, Miss Lucy M. B., Groton, Fairview	1 00
Bailey, Mrs. Martha, Lowell, 51 and 52, W. D.....	2 00
Brigham, Mrs. G. A., Charlestown, 106 and 107, W. D.	2 00
Butterfield, Mrs. S. A., Ayer, 334, E. D., and one in Fairview	2 00
Carpenter, Eugene, Newton, 366, E. D.	1 00
Corey, Mrs. Caroline M., Groton, 104, W. D.....	2 00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L., Lowell, 63, W. D.	1 00
Crockett, Henry C., North Chelmsford, 255, E. D....	1 00
Davie, Wm. L., North Chelmsford, 32, W. D.....	1 00
Davis, Miss Alice L., Somerville, 10, W. D.	1 00
Decatur, Burt W., Springfield, 64, W. D.	1 00
Dix, Mrs. Henry, Charlestown, 327, E. D.	1 00
Edwards, Mrs. W. P., Dallas, Texas, 66, E. D.	1 00
Fisher, F. A., 110, W. D.	5 00
Felch, Mrs. A. M., Littleton Common, 257, E. D.....	1 00
Fletcher, Mrs. Lucy J., Arlington, 92, W. D.	1 00
Folland, L. S., Manchester, N. H., 22 and 23, W. D. .	2 00
Green, Mrs. S. E., Lowell, Fairview	1 00
Hamlin, George P., Boston, 111, W. D.	1 00
Harris, George E., West Hanover, 27, W. D.	1 00
Hildreth, Mrs. Ellen A., Pelham, N. H., 87, W. D., and one in Fairview	2 00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C., Cambridge, 115, W. D.	1 00
Holt, Mrs. E. H., Lowell, 39, W. D.	1 00
Horne, George F., Somerville, 16, E. D.	1 00
Hunt, George W., Lowell, 341, E. D.	1 00
Hunt, Mrs. James, Providence, R. I., 53, E. D.	2 00
Hutchins, S. M., Lowell, 54, W. D.	1 00
Johnson, Miss A. L., Tyngsboro, 60, E. D.	1 00
King, Mrs. A. M., Crescent City, Cal., 21, W. D. and one in Fairview	2 00

Amount carried forward \$164 00 .

Amount brought forward	\$164 00
Laws, Mrs. J. H., Somerville, 114, W. D.	1 00
Lord, Miss Drusilla, Lowell, 33, E. D.	1 00
Moore, George C., North Chelmsford, 343, E. D.	2 00
Morse, Mrs. Mary F., Springfield, 58, E. D.	1 00
Osgood, John M., Racine, Wis., 6, E. D.	1 00
Palmer, Mrs. H. M., Derry, N. H., 229, E. D.	5 00
Parker & Buxton, Lowell, 365, E. D., and one in Fairview	2 00
Parker, O. A., Waltham, Fairview	1 00
Peck, Mrs. S. E., Elizabeth, N. J., 94, W. D.	1 00
Prescott, Miss Ida L., Milford, lot in Westlawn Cemetery	2 00
Quigg, David, Chicago, Ill., 33, W. D.	5 00
Read, Miss Carrie E., Barre, Fairview	1 00
Reed, George G., Lowell, 70, W. D.	1 00
Richardson, Mrs. Anna, Wilmington, 74, W. D.	1 00
Richardson, M. T., New York City, Fairview	1 00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K., North Chelmsford, 2, E. D.	1 00
Sargent, Mrs. Nancy, Brookline, N. H., 59, W. D. ..	1 00
Saville, Wm., Boston, Fairview	1 00
Scrutton, Mrs. George, Lowell, 375, E. D.	1 00
Searles, Mrs. C. J., 66, W. D.	1 00
Snow, George F., West Chelmsford, Fairview	1 00
Snow, Salmon L., West Chelmsford, 89, W. D.	1 00
Spaulding, J. F., North Chelmsford, 346, E. D.	1 00
Stancomb, Richard, North Acton, 340, E. D.	1 00
Stiles, F. O., Littleton, 41, E. D.	1 00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie M., Boston, 254, E. D.	1 00
Trumbull, Mrs. S. H., Beverly, Fairview	1 00
Wheeler, Isaac G., Allston, 105, W. D.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. E. J., Littleton Common 28 and 29 E. D.	2 00
Willis, Wm. T., Lowell, 19, E. D.	1 00
Wilson, Mrs. Alexander, Morris Heights, N. J., 55, E. D.	1 00
Wright, A. A., Hudson, 34, W. D.	1 00
Wyman, George W., Camden, N. J., 376, E. D.,	1 00

 \$209 00

EXPENSES.

Fairview:

Paid C. N. Richardson and others, for labor	\$315 09	
Wright & Fletcher, for 2 1-4 tons fertilizer	85 50	
For one pair pruning shears	1 00	
For grass seed, etc.	1 86	
W. W. Johnson, teaming fertilizer ..	1 50	
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		\$404 95

Westlawn:

Paid J. T. Colburn, for labor	\$ 6 50	
For one gallon of black paint	1 00	
For grass seed	67	
W. H. H. Burbeck for care of lots, as per bill	13 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck extra work on cemetery grounds	5 00	
Myron J. Woods, as per bill	3 60	
G. T. Day and men for painting markers and clearing up refuse.	12 50	
For gilding paint and liquid	1 25	
T. E. Symmes for surveying, making plan of cemetery and dividing unoccupied ground into lots ..	31 80	
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		\$75 32

Hillside:

Paid W. H. H. Burbeck, for care of cemetery, including grading of the lot of a soldier whose relatives are unknown, work on perpetual care lot, and grass seed	\$14 65	
T. E. Symmes, for surveying, drawing plan of cemetery and dividing unoccupied ground into lots	17 10	
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		\$31 75

General expenses:		
Paid for stamps, envelopes, etc.,	\$ 7 77	
Courier-Citizen Co., printing receipt- books, notices, envelopes, etc.	7 00	
for express	35	
		<hr/> \$15 12
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		\$527 14
Amount appropriated by the town	\$200 00	
Amount received for care of lots	209 00	
Amount received from perpetual care fund	74 73	
Unexpended balance last year	84 25	
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	\$567 98	
Amount expended	527 14	
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Unexpended balance	\$40 84	

NAME.	CEMETERY.	FUND.
J. W. P. Abbot	Fairview.	\$100 00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50 00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100 00
Francis Caldwell	"	50 00
George Davis	"	50 00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100 00
Cephas Drew	"	50 00
George Drew	"	50 00
Rachel Dupee	"	50 00
Daniel Falls	"	50 00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100 00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	"	50 00
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Amount carried forward		\$850 00

Amount brought forward.....		\$850 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn.....	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin	Fairview.	100 00
Theodore H. Hamblett	"	50 00
C. & C. A. Hamlin	"	100 00
M. Hennessey.....	"	50 00
Henry Herrick	Westlawn	100 00
Samuel Horne	Fairview.	50 00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake	Westlawn.....	100 00
Edwin D. Metcalf	Fairview.	50 00
James M. Parker	"	50 00
Prescott & Babbitt	"	100 00
Charles H. Prescott	Westlawn.....	100 00
Joseph F. Prescott	"	50 00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview.	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott	"	50 00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside.	100 00
Polly Quigg	Fairview.	50 00
Abijah C. Reed	Fairview	50 00
Anan Reed	Westlawn.....	50 00
Sarah S. Reed	"	100 00
Sarah E. Richardson.....	Fairview.	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50 00
Sarah E. P. Wells	Westlawn.....	100 00
Clara M. Wiley.....	Fairview.	100 00
Luther Wilkins	"	75 00
John Wilson	"	50 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn.....	50 00
Varnum B. Wright	Fairview.	25 00
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		\$2,750 00

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, Chairman,
MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS,
GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary,
Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Report of Committee on Public Water Supply.

The Committee appointed at the annual town meeting held March 20, 1905, to investigate the advisability of a public water supply, respectfully submit the following report:

This Committee has entered upon its duty with full knowledge of the fact that in the recent past, numerous wells in this town have become comparatively useless, as a source of supply during the whole or a portion of the summer months, and at times this condition has continued during the fall, and has even extended into the winter, and as a result, occasioned great inconvenience and loss, and further, by reason of the quality of the water obtained therefrom, have become a menace to the public health, and the question thus became one of vital importance to the town'.

And while this Committee fully appreciates the comfort, advantages and benefits to be derived, and the beneficial results that accrue to any community by reason of having a water system, yet they have undertaken and carried on this investigation with open and unbiased minds, either for or against the adoption of such system, and in that spirit have proceeded to ascertain the following facts and circumstances so that this data may be examined by all persons interested, and upon which each may form and base his own opinion.

The following is believed to be a brief general summary of results that have followed in towns adopting a public water supply:

First. The population has generally increased (this town is one of twelve in this Commonwealth of equal population not having a water system.)

Second. The tax rate has been increased at first but not materially after a few years; and in most cases this burden has been reduced in time to merely an annual appropriation for water for public uses and fire protection.

Third. An appropriation has been made annually for hydrants to obtain protection from fire and for water for public uses.

Fourth. The number of takers of water has almost invariably increased after the first year and ultimately not only have nearly all the residents on the line become takers, but also those taking water have increased their number of faucets, and the system has been gradually extened.

Fifth. The insurance rates on property within the district have materially decreased.

Sixth. Although strenuous objection has often been encountered to establishing such a system, yet, when adopted, the benefits experienced and the cost found to be inoppresive, the first objectors have become its most earnest supporters.

The district investigated includes the villages of Westford Centre, Graniteville and Forge Village, calling for about nine miles of pipe, a stand pipe, with a capacity of 120,000 gallons, located upon Prospect Hill. The water to be obtained from wells located near Pine Ridge Station which location promises an unlimited supply of excellent drinking water.

In estimating the probable expense of installing this system, while acting without the services of an engineer and consequently without an accurate and minute survey, yet this Committee has been favored with the gratuitous and efficient aid of a former resident of this town, Samuel D. Dodge, then connected with the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Commission, to whom this Committee is indebted for the following estimates.

The entire cost of installing the system \$52,713.55. The following are the more general items of this total.

Cost of and laying pipes	\$32,801 05
Pumping plant and building	3,200 00
Stand pipe and foundation	3,100 00
Forty hydrants	2,000 00
Engineer and contingencies	5,000 00
Wells and connections	800 00
Crossing brook and railroad	800 00
Other items	5,012 50

\$52,713 55

To this should be added an item for land damages
and an allowance for excavating stone ledge, etc.

which is estimated not to exceed \$12,286 45
Making a total cost, not exceeding 65,000 00

The annual expense based upon these figures is estimated
to be as follows.

Annual running expenses	\$1,500 00
“ interest on bonds	2,600 00
“ appropriation for sinking fund (<i>to be raised</i> <i>after the third year</i>)	1,300 00
Total	\$5,400 00

Annual income (based upon a canvass made upon
rates established by this committee which would
undoubtedly increase 25 per cent after the second
year) \$2,000 00

As the sinking fund appropriation of \$1,300 would not
have to be raised for the first three years it would leave, as the
annual appropriation to be raised by taxation for fire protection
and water for public use for that period, \$2,100. After the
third year it is estimated that the number of faucets would
have increased at least 25%, yielding an income of \$2,500,
instead of \$2,000, and as, at that time, the sinking fund appro-
priation of \$1,300, would have to be met, there would have
to be raised \$800, in addition, making the total \$2,900,

The sum of \$2,100 to be raised the first three years would
increase the tax rate a trifle over \$1.00 per thousand. The
sum of \$2,900 to be raised after the third year would increase
the rate a trifle under \$1.50 per thousand, and with that in-
crease still leave the tax rate between \$3.00 and \$3.50 less
than the average rate in this Commonwealth.

The reason why the sinking fund would not have to be
raised by the town for the first three years is because the bonds
issued for a period of 30 years at the rate of 4% would sell at
a premium of not less than 6% and thus yield at least \$3.900

which could be put at once into the sinking fund. This sum of \$1,300 to be raised annually for the sinking fund would, if invested at a little less than $3\frac{1}{2}\%$, pay the bonds at maturity; that is at the end of thirty years.

This Committee is of opinion that there is no one public improvement that combines the power and quality of increasing the valuation of property in a town and at the same time contributes to the public welfare, health and growth, and tends to encourage persons of means and standing to become residents therein, as a public water supply. And it has been the result in many if not a majority of towns, having such a system, that ultimately, by reason thereof, the burden of taxation has been lessened. And in no case so far as known has any town, where a water system has been installed, ever desired to repudiate its action if it could.

This town has comparatively no means of fire protection, either for public or private property, and this fact alone is one of grave importance and is entitled to serious consideration. The effect of establishing a water system, with hydrants, would, not only furnish this safeguard by means of hydrants, but would also provide the individuals in the villages a ready means of supplying water through a faucet to protect his own property while without such, the condition of remoteness and scarcity of water will, as has often proved, be an obstacle to fighting fires. And many localities have learned this lesson too late after a destructive conflagration has swept through its thickly settled portion, occasioning in many instances losses in themselves sufficient to meet the first cost of a water system.

Further, a material reduction in the insurance rates would follow to property within 500 ft. of a hydrant, estimated in a Mutual Co. to be between 16% and 17% and in a Stock Co. about 38%. A considerable amount could thus be saved annually upon the public buildings and contents. And, further, this means of protection against fire would afford an opportunity for carrying less insurance both upon public and private property than would be feasible at the present time.

For some years past the water supply of Graniteville has been unsatisfactory and a number of tests have been made by the State Board of Health of water from wells on the following named premises: William White, Boarding House, C. G. Sargent Sons, Schoolhouse, Charles M. Cummings, Wesley O. Hawkes, well on Maple Street, well at corner of Broadway and Cross Street, well in rear of houses of Abbot Worsted Co. on Broadway, at Abbot Worsted Co.'s Mill and at Celeste Delorenzo the general quality was poor, some not to be used without boiling and others not without risk. Fortunately the wells at the mill and school rated better.

The wells at Forge Village are better on the whole but those in the valley, and especially those on Pond and some on Bradford Street are not of assuring quality.

The wells at the Centre do not give encouraging results and many should not be used without first boiling the water. Tests have been made of the water from wells in the following named premises: George T. Day, Arthur E. Day, Frank L. Fletcher, Elizabeth S. Abbot, Sherman H. Fletcher, Town Hall, Centre School, Nahum H. Wright, Donald M. Cameron, Charles L. Hildreth, Alonzo H. Sutherland and Peter Clement.

The occurrence of a number of cases of typhoid in the past and the condition of the water supply has been the cause of much comment, and a feeling prevalent, shared by the State Board of Health, that the two were connected. In Graniteville and Forge Village, while they have not had typhoid yet, for a long time infections, throat troubles, and malaria have been very much more prevalent and severe than in other parts of the town. The tests of the two wells sunk by this Committee are of a far different type and such as to meet with the approval of the State Board of Health, thus far, although undoubtedly before establishing upon any location further and more extended tests should be made to ascertain as to quantity and filtration. The following shows the difference between the average result of the tests in the villages and that of the two test wells and shows a very marked improvement in favor of the test wells.

WATER ANALYSIS.

(Parts in 100,000).

	Centre.	Graniteville.	Test Wells
Chlorine	3.34	1.97	.19
Ammonia .....	.0072	.0070	.0006
Nitrates .....	.6600	1.000	.0130
Hardness	5.7	4.3	.9

This test shows the test wells to supply a soft and palatable water.

This Committee is aware of the fact that contention is often made that the results to be enjoyed by the adoption of a water system only accrue to those in the district, but it is believed this has been proved not to be the case and much benefit has resulted to the entire town.

First. Because the taxable property in the district increases in value and thus bears the greater burden.

Second. Because all the inhabitants of the town are deeply interested in its condition, especially as regards disease and health, and more especially in the schools where scholars are transported, and the opportunity of disease spreading is increased.

Third. Because such a public improvement tends, as a fact, and not as a mere possibility, to cause desirable persons, and more especially those of means, to become permanent residents, and this Committee's attention has been called to the fact that several such persons have been apparently discouraged from becoming residents by reason of the lack of water facilities.

Fourth. In a progressive and growing town the opportunity of selling property, no matter in what part it is located, is increased and unquestionably its value will be somewhat enhanced if one desires to sell.

The number of vacant houses in this town would tend to indicate that some inducement is necessary to encourage their occupancy.

This Committee is of opinion that a public water system would be a great advantage and is advisable if it can be installed and maintained at the estimated expense. Furthermore this

Committee feels that these estimates should be verified by the employment of an engineer, to make a survey, draft plans and furnish the necessary data by which means bids from contractors can be obtained. Therefore, this Committee respectfully recommend that the town make an appropriation sufficient to accomplish these purposes.

JULIAN A. CAMERON,
EDWARD FISHER,
OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,
SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
RICHARD D. PRESCOTT,
WALTER J. SLEEPER,
HAMMETT D. WRIGHT,
JOHN C. ABBOT,
ARTHUR H. BURNHAM

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 7.45 o'clock a. m. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock a. m., and may be closed at one o'clock p. m.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles town it:

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- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2d. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, Town Clerk, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years: Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" All on one ballot.
- 3d. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.
- 5th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.

- 6th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for High School purposes.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 18th. To raise and appropriate money for the alteration of the Carlisle Road, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to build a movable bandstand, to be used on the Common on Memorial Day and other occasions, and appropriate money therefor, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To hear the report of the Committee chosen to investigate the advisability of putting in a public water supply, and act in relation to the same.

- 21st. To see if the Town, in compliance with the recommendation of this Committee, will appropriate a sum of money to further investigate the cost of installing and maintaining a public water system.
- 22nd. To see what Officer or Board the Town will designate to supervise the destruction of the gypsy and brown tail moths.
- 23rd. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money sufficient for lighting the streets of Graniteville, Forge Village and Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.) for lighting the Town Hall, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to improve the sanitary conditions of the Town Hall, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100) for improving the Common, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) to put a fire escape five feet in width on the Town Hall, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see what compensation the Town will accept from the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Company as damages, for the right of way taken through the Town Farm.
- 29th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.

- 30th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, Brookside and Parkerville, to see if the town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars(\$100) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these four villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year: also in such other matters which may arise, requiring in their judgment the action of such agents, and act in relation to the same.
- 35th. To see if the Town will appropriate two hundred dollars (\$200) for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law, and act in relation to the same.
- 36th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in town, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid. *

Given under our hands and seals, this Twenty-sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen Hundred and Six.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC. FISHER,

Selectmen of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1906.



LOWELL, MASS.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1905-1906.

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman	Term Expires 1907.
JOHN C. ABBOT	Term Expires 1907.
HOMER M. SEAVEY	Term Expires 1906.
CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN	Term Expires 1906.
ARTHUR E. WILSON	Term Expires 1908.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary	Term Expires 1908.

Superintendent of Schools.

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1905.

ALBERT R. CHOATE	Chairman.
WALTER C. WRIGHT	Secretary.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN C. ABBOT—High, 8th and 9th Grades, Stony Brook.
HOMER M. SEAVEY—Center, Nabnasset.
ARTHUR E. WILSON—High, Parkerville and Minot's Corner,
Nashoba.
CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN—Forge Village.
ALBERT R. CHOATE—Graniteville.

Report of the School Committee.

The School Board herewith submits its report for the past year, together with that of the Superintendent of Schools.

In the year 1842 the Statute requiring School Committees "to make annually a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools" was enacted. With each succeeding year, this work has so increased as to necessitate the employment of paid agents to attend to the details of the work; and the report of this Agent in Westford, the Superintendent of the Schools, which is herewith presented, is a practical compliance with the Law. To it the public is referred for the usual statistics relative to the attendance of pupils, as well as for a careful review of the year's work, including suggestions and recommendations which his experience leads him to make. Our own report relates simply to the doings of the Board, to the opinions we hold, and to such recommendations as we wish to make.

In the general policy of your Committee toward the Schools, but one change has been made during the past year. A new agreement has been made with the Trustees of the Academy for the maintaining of a High School. We now have the Primary, the Grammar and the High School so related that the way is open for every child in the Town to pass directly on by the road of the public school from his mother's knee to a higher branch of education.

A subject to which we invite your attention is the standard of excellence of our instruction. To be able to declare that the public schools of Westford compare favorably with those of other towns, is, we believe, not sufficient; but whenever and wherever there can be found a means of improvement, which can be successfully incorporated into the system, it should be adopted.

THE HOUSING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Will always remain a matter of utmost importance. And here we desire to return thanks to the Trustees of the Westford Academy for our High School privileges.

Your Committee report the school buildings in very good shape, with the exception of the sanitary condition of the three large buildings, the Center, Forge Village and Graniteville. These conditions cannot, at present, be remedied without a large outlay to the Town. It is, therefore, hoped by your Committee that the Town will, in the near future, vote to put water in the three villages, and with a water-supply it is possible, with a small expense, to remove this evil.

The contract between the Town of Westford and the Trustees of the Academy, which was accepted by the Town in 1895, expired August 1905. It was found to be for the best interests of the Town to make a new agreement, and it was voted at the Town Meeting, held March 20th, 1905, to give power to your School Board to make a new contract. The contract was drawn up by Sherman H. Fletcher, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and accepted by the School Board, at a joint meeting of the School Board and Trustees, subject to the approval of State Board of Education. The Contract and the approval of Mr. Martin, Secretary of the State Board, is as follows:

COPY OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TRUSTEES OF WESTFORD
ACADEMY AND THE TOWN OF WESTFORD.

That Whereas the said Town of Westford does not at the present time maintain any High School as required by law, the party of the first part by their School Committee, as authorized by vote of the Town passed March 20th, 1905, and the party of the second part acting jointly under Chapter 186 of the Acts of 1905, as passed by the Legislature of Massachusetts and approved March 16th, 1905, do hereby enter into this agreement:

First. That the party of the second part hereby agree to provide a High School for the Town, and the party of the first part agree to pay the party of the second part the sum of twenty one hundred dollars (\$2,100) per year, said sum to be paid in quarterly instalments. All tuition of out of town scholars to be in addition thereto and to be paid to the party of the second part at the rate of ten dollars (\$10) per pupil per term.

Second. That the party of the second part shall provide a school for the number of weeks required by law.

Third. That the party of the second part shall employ such teachers as approved by the School Committee, it being agreed that a Principal be employed with a salary of Twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200) per year, and an assistant with a salary of Six hundred dollars (\$600) per year, and that an increase of salaries over Eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800) per year be paid by the party of the first part.

Fourth. That the school shall be under the order and superintendence of the School Committee.

Fifth. That all text books and supplies be furnished by the party of the first part. This agreement may be terminated August 1st of any year by either party notifying the other of their desire to terminate the contract, such notice to be given before April 1st of such year, and unless so terminated to continue in force until April 1st, 1915.

And it is further agreed that neither the said Trustees of Westford Academy, nor the persons signing this agreement for the said Town of Westford, nor their executors or administrators, shall under any circumstances be liable in their individual capacity either jointly or separately on the said agreement.

In testimony whereof, the said parties have to this and to one other indenture of the same tenor and date, interchangeably set their hands and seals this second day of August in the year of our Lord Nineteen hundred and five.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Massachusetts.
by

The School Committee

A. R. CHOATE, Chairman,
WALTER C. WRIGHT,

Trustees of Westford Academy

GEORGE T. DAY, President,
SHERMAN H. FLETCHER, Secretary.

COPY OF LETTER OF GEORGE H. MARTIN TO A. R.
CHOATE.

State Board of Education, State House, Boston, Aug. 18, 1905.

MR. A. R. CHOATE,
GRANITEVILLE, MASS.

MY DEAR MR. CHOATE:

I have received your letter of August 14th, with draft of proposed agreement between the Trustees of Westford Academy and the town of Westford.

I have examined the instrument with care and think the interests of all parties are sufficiently safe-guarded, and that the constitutional difficulties have been overcome under this agreement.

The school being practically the town high school, the obligation will be on the school committee to make it so efficient as to satisfy the most exacting of the citizens of Westford, and to bring it within the list of high schools approved by the Board of Education for tuition purposes.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) GEORGE H. MARTIN,
Secretary.

DUTIES OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The full Committee, among their numerous duties, elect teachers, fix their compensation, decide upon text-books, appoint a supply agent and truant officer, vote repairs, and make rules for the management of the schools. They also designate certain of their members to act as sub-committee in the parts of the town in which they reside.

The sub-committee has general care of the school property in his part of the town. The teacher must refer to him in emergencies for advice in matters relating to the care of the School, the admission of pupils, the attendance, health and discipline. In case of sickness of the teacher he may provide a substitute.

TRANSPORTATION.

A word as to transportation of Scholars to the 8th and 9th grades, also the High School. It is hoped that before the school year begins in September, the Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railroad will have the spur-track completed from Graniteville to Westford. The advantages to the school children can hardly be estimated.

TEXT BOOKS.

There are times when conditions demand a change of text books, and it is the duty of the School Board to make such changes when they are actually required. But before a text book is introduced into the schools, either as a study or to supplant an old book, it is incumbent on the members of the Board to satisfy themselves that the new study will promote the pupil's education and be of greater benefit and assistance to the pupil than the one then in use.

Because a text book has been for years in use in the schools, it is no reason why a change should not be made, if it can be conclusively shown that the new system has greater merits than the old one.

In conclusion we wish to express to the Superintendent and to the teachers our appreciation of their efforts in bringing the schools to their high standard of excellence, and also to thank the Trustees of the Academy for their hearty co-operation in establishing a High School of which the Town may be justly proud.

A. R. CHOATE,	HOMER M. SEAVEY.
JOHN C. ABBOT,	CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN.
WALTER C. WRIGHT,	ARTHUR E. WILSON.

At a meeting of the School Board held February 27th, 1906, it was voted to accept the reports of the Superintendent and School Committee.

WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

INCOME.

Balance unexpended from 1904	\$	26	55	
Appropriation, schools		6,500	00	
Appropriation, High School.....		2,100	00	
From State on account of Superintend-				
ent of Schools		250	00	
Income Massachusetts School Fund		858	99	
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				\$9,735 54

EXPENDED.

Teachers	\$5,831	80	
Tuition of scholars at High School	1,958	33	
Fuel	637	60	
Janitor service and cleaning	529	66	
Transporting scholars	639	00	
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			\$9,596 39
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Balance unexpended			\$139 15

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$600 00
Amount expended	533 43
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Balance unexpended	\$66 57

EXPENSE OF SUPERVISION.

Salary paid by town	\$800 00
Rebate from State	625 00
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Net cost to town	175 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Schools	\$6,500 00	
For High School purposes	2,200 00	
Text books and supplies	600 00	
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Superintendent's Report.

Gentlemen of the School Committee:—

This, my sixth annual report, which is the thirteenth in the series, is hereby submitted to you and through you to the citizens of Westford, for the year ending March 1, 1906.

Below are given the school census of September, 1905, and a summary of statistics from September, 1904, to June, 1905.

At the end of this report will be found tabulated statistics from September, 1904, to March, 1906.

Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years of age: Boys, 179; Girls, 163; Total	342
Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years of age: Boys, 218; Girls, 202; Total	420
Number of illiterate minors over 14 years of age: Boys, 7; Girls, 11; Total	18
Whole number enrolled in all the schools	449
Whole number enrolled between 7 and 14 years of age.	326
Whole number enrolled between 5 and 15 years of age.	403
Whole number enrolled over 15 years of age	32
Average membership	397
Average attendance	354
Per cent. of attendance	89
Number of weeks in school year	36
Whole number of schools	15
Whole number of teachers	17
Number of male teachers	2
Number of female teachers	15
Number of College graduates	2
Number of Normal School graduates	10

In September, at the opening of the school year, a new contract was entered into with the trustees of Westford Academy whereby the School Committee now elect teachers, fix salaries and arrange courses of study, thus meeting the requirements of the state.

Before entering into this agreement a conference of school officials and the Secretary of the State Board of Education was held for the purpose of ascertaining the steps necessary to make the Academy an approved High School. Mr. Martin, secretary of the State Board, presented plans and stated that, in order to have the full sanction of the state, the session of the Academy must be lengthened from thirty-nine to forty weeks, and the election of teachers, fixing salaries of same, laying out courses of study and general supervision of the work should be under the direction of the School Committee.

This has been brought about to the entire satisfaction of the State Officials, School Committee and Trustees of the Academy without in the least impairing the old organization and practically giving to the town through its representatives, the School Committee, the direction of the educational work of the institution.

By this arrangement it will be seen that the school will serve two purposes: It will be the legal high school for the town, and it will be the Westford Academy under the terms of the charter.

It must be a source of satisfaction to all that the name, organization and traditions of the Academy are to be preserved, and at the same time the town is to have full benefit of its buildings, equipment and financial resources with full direction of its educational work.

We are fortunate in having as its principal, Mr. Wm. A. Perkins, one well fitted by education and experience for the place. Miss Grace E. Thompson, assistant, continues to fill the position in a most acceptable manner.

Mr. James W. MacDonald, agent of the State Board of Education, visited the Academy February 27, and as a result of his inspection and approval of the character of the work being done, the Academy is now placed on the approved list of high schools of the state.

Teachers. There have been comparatively few changes among the teachers and the general standard of good work has been well maintained.

It has been the policy of your committee to gradually increase the salaries of teachers and in this way we have been able to retain for several years some of the best in the corps.

Nothing can be more erroneous than to think that frequent change of teachers is desirable. True, the services of a bright, efficient teacher for one year are of greater value to her pupils than those of one who, lacking the most essential qualities of a true teacher, may be content to remain many years. The most vital questions to be considered in estimating her worth are whether or not she has the true instincts of a teacher and is she growing and progressing in her chosen work. With the small salaries paid in our schools we cannot hope to approach perfection but we may and do expect our teaching force to be ever desirous and capable of steady advancement.

In September Mr. Thomas E. Freeman succeeded Mr. Walter Putney, who resigned from the Graniteville grammar school. Mr. Freeman is a Bridgewater Normal graduate and is filling the place most acceptably. Miss Ruth P. Tuttle, a graduate of Lowell Normal, followed Miss Cameron as teacher in the lower primary school at Graniteville. Miss Emma G. Holt was transferred from Nabnasset to the Forge grammar to succeed Miss Bendick, resigned, and Miss Alice M. French, a graduate of Lowell Normal, followed Miss Holt at Nabnasset. Miss Holt has tendered her resignation to take effect at the close of the present term to accept a school at an advanced salary in Boxford. Miss Abbie Blaisdell was engaged as kindergarten teacher to assist Miss Phillips in the Forge primary. Miss Emma M. Gragham, a graduate of the Lowell Normal,

succeeded Miss Frances Banister, resigned, from Parkerville and Miss Effie M. Bennett followed Miss Bertha M. Field at Nashoba.

For several years Westford has had a large number of town girls in her teaching force and the acceptable manner in which they have done their work demonstrates the wisdom of the policy and speaks well for the educational advantages of the town.

A report of every pupil's standing in school **Report Cards.** is sent to parents at the middle and close of each term. In marking these cards the teacher exercises her best judgment as to the character of the work that each pupil is doing. It sometimes happens, as all who have had any experience in the schoolroom well know, that a certain grade, composed of the less ambitious or brilliant pupils, is not fully up to the requirements and the teacher necessarily must adapt the work to the capacity of the class. By so doing her pupils are able to make commendable progress although on a somewhat lower level than regular grade work. Thus it may be seen that while a card may indicate commendable results for the year, at the same time the pupil is not ready for promotion to the next higher grade.

A report card is designed primarily to give a true record of the pupil's daily work and effort and in the great majority of cases is an absolute guide for promotions, but, as I have endeavored to explain, does not purport to be the only or infallible one.

Most promotions occur at the close of the **Promotions.** school year, and in determining the grade in which it is advisable for the pupil to spend the coming year, judgment is based wholly upon what is deemed best for each individual pupil. The truth that the school is for the child and not the child for the school should never be lost sight of. When it is evident that any pupil, through some mental defect, has received from any given grade all that he seems capable of receiving, he should be allowed to advance to

the next grade with his class, with the hope that in a new environment and with the presentation of different subject matter he may be quickened possibly to better effort, and his time be spent more profitably than as if he had been obliged to repeat the work imperfectly done in the grade below.

If, however, on the other hand, a pupil, because of slow development and immaturity of mind, fails to derive from any given grade all that he is capable of deriving, with the necessary mental growth and strength which time alone can give him, that pupil should be obliged, for his own good, to repeat the grade work. While it may appear on the surface that the schools are partial and do not treat all alike, the constant aim and desire of teachers and school officials is to be just to all and to treat all according to merit, with a view to each pupil's future welfare.

Moral Instruction. Moral instruction in the public schools, ever a vital subject, is now receiving a great deal of attention, and much is being said and written upon it. One of the best articles that has come to my notice appeared in a recent leading periodical and for the benefit of those who may not have seen it, I quote quite generally from it. The author states that the cry for more effective moral instruction in the schools and for a better moral output from them is growing more and more insistent. It is pointed out that crime is on the increase and the public schools, as one of several educational agencies, are in some measure responsible for it. Granting that the schools have a serious responsibility in this matter, the question arises, what is to be done?

In the teaching of morality there are two general types corresponding to the two ways of teaching religion; namely, the formal teaching of ethics and the informal inculcation of morality. Each of these types has strong advocates, but the weight of opinion seems to favor the latter and to adhere to the idea that to attempt to secure morality by instruction is not only futile but pernicious, and that behavior can no more be taught by rule than can correct speech. The advocates of the

informal inculcation of morality believe that the two great means of moral education are individuals and institutions. In our elementary public schools, the mainstay of character building and moralization must be found in the means already at hand: in the personal character of the teacher and in such choice of subjects of study and such methods of teaching as will produce a responsive respect for the institution and exert an unnoticed moral influence upon the pupils.

For the benefit of any who may be interested, an outline is appended embodying these views and indicating the lines on which the problems of moral education are being worked out in the class-room by thousands of teachers in many of the leading elementary schools in the country.

"It should be the aim of every teacher to make each part of the life of the school count for moral education. This aim should be present not only in formal instruction and training, but also in the general atmosphere and spirit of the class-room, and of the school. In working toward this aim, the following suggestions, based on the experience of practical teachers, will be found helpful."

1. "The personality of the teacher is at the root of all moral education in the school. The teacher's ideals, sincerity, poise, self control, courtesy, voice, manner, dress and general attitude toward life are potent forces for character-building."

2. "Reverence is vital to morality. Whatever quickens in children the feeling of dependence on a higher power, whatever leads them devoutly to wonder at the order, beauty, or mystery of the universe, whatever arouses them with admiration of true greatness, promotes reverence. There is no subject studied in school which, reverently taught, may not yield its contribution to this feeling."

3. "Self-respect, which is also fundamental to moral development, is engendered in a child when he does his best at tasks that are worth while and within his power to do well."

4. "The corner stone of a self-respecting character is principle—the will to be true to the right because it is right, whatever the consequences, to act with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right."

5. "The spirit of the class-room and of the school—the spirit that makes children say with pride 'my class' and 'our school'—is one of the strongest of moral forces."

6. "The child should early gain the idea of social membership. The truth that co-operation and unselfishness are essential to true social living should be made real and vital.

"The child should also learn that he is a member, not only of the school, but of the family, of the neighborhood, of the town and of the state and nation. The meaning of loyal membership of these social institutions should be made clear. The naturalness and the necessity of obedience and helpfulness should be shown. The moral aspect of home tasks and of working with and not against the departments of health, street-cleaning, police, and education, should be enforced by concrete applications. In general, the truth should be impressed, that without loyal and effective social membership, no individual can wholly live."

7. "No person has a fully developed moral character until there has been a transfer of the seat of authority from without to within himself. Each child in every grade should be steadily helped toward self-direction and self government."

9. "Hospitals, societies for the prevention of cruelty to children and to animals, homes for orphans and for the aged and infirm, fresh air funds, and similar agencies for social service, should be brought within the child's comprehension at the proper stage.

"Deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice done by firemen, policemen, soldiers, inventors, and persons in the ordinary walks of life should be presented and dwelt on. The truth that success in life means more than mere money getting can thus be brought home again and again."

10. "In all such moral instruction and guidance, the following principles should be observed: (a) the course of moral instruction is a development. (b) The culture of the imagination is a powerful aid in moral instruction; first, as the power vividly to picture consequences—to put yourself in your own place later on (foresight); secondly, as the power to 'put yourself in his place' (social imagination, sympathy). (c) In using literature and similar material for purposes of moral education, the teacher should not violate the law of self-activity. The child properly resents having a moral drawn for him, which he could draw for himself, and he is the more likely to follow the principle which he himself discovers or formulates, because it is his own. (d) The most effective method in moral education is positive rather than negative. A mind filled with good interests, high ideals, and helpful activities has no room for evil. Love is a stronger and better motive than fear."

Medical Inspection. The State in establishing and maintaining a system of public schools is able to provide facilities which ordinary means could not afford. There is a movement on foot for providing for medical inspection in the public schools and the annual examination of the sight and hearing of school children. It has been shown over and over again that frequent and thorough inspection for the detection of contagious disease is of the highest value in preserving the public health. It has been shown that about 25% of school children are defective in sight and that 5% are defective in hearing. What is of special importance is that only a small minority of these defects are discovered by the teachers, or are known to them, to the the parents or to the children themselves.

The expense of this inspection, which will not be large, will be met by a special appropriation to be expended by the State Board of Education.

For the benefit of those who may be interested and have no knowledge of the new legislation regarding district superintendents the following is appended from the Revised Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to public instruction. Chapter 215, Acts of 1904, provides as follows: "In all superintendency unions in which any part of the expense of the superintendent is borne by the Commonwealth, the State Board of Education shall determine, by examination or otherwise, the qualifications of candidates for the position of superintendent of public schools; and, after the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and five, no person shall be elected to such position who does not hold a certificate of fitness and competency from said board."

The work of the schools is inspected annually by the State agents, men whose lives have been devoted to educational interests. Thus the State through her authorities knows the character and quality of the work being done and determines and maintains the educational standards in the schools throughout the districts of Massachusetts.

It is hoped that parents and citizens generally will visit the schools often and know by personal inspection what is being done. Whatever success has been attained in school work and management has been due to your hearty co-operation and support without which the efforts of teachers and superintendent are of little avail.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT E. RICHARDSON.

Report of the Supervisor of Music.

To the Superintendent and School Committee of Westford.

The work in the music classes has been generally very satisfactory—surprisingly so considering that it was my first year in the district and that many of the regular teachers were new—everyone under these conditions being at a disadvantage—teachers as well as pupils.

While the same method of teaching has been carried on as by my predecessor there was necessarily some difference in presenting the subject—different phraseology—not affecting the ultimate results but causing at first some confusion and misapprehension. This, however, has gradually disappeared until now I think I can safely say that there is perfect unity of purpose and effort all along the line.

And speaking of method—while we have a well formulated and graded system we endeavor constantly not to “method” our children to death as it were, but to so develop all sides of the work that they will be well rounded musicians, with a comprehension of the artistic as well as the mechanical side.

The use of the individual slips for sight-reading we regard as very important, as it develops concentration and an independence of thought and action that no amount of class singing will accomplish, for the reason that in classes there are always “leaders” who do the greater part of the work, the weaker ones either not singing at all or else following along in an aimless way that will be of little if any benefit. And, too, the individual work is most useful in enabling the teacher to know the capacity of each child and their ability to “do” when thrown on their own resources.

On the other hand, the importance of class singing from board and music readers can hardly be over-estimated. It induces more of the spirit of music, aids in the tonal sense and in part-singing develops a sense of harmony. And, also—a fact that should not be ignored—it gives the children much more time for actual participation in the work.

No child has been excused from singing except in remote cases, principally when children in advanced classes have come from other schools where music was not taught. In such cases, to attain any results, it would be necessary for the regular teacher to give a great deal of individual instruction beginning with the lower grade work, and this, as can be readily seen, would be quite impossible.

Rote songs are taught in the primary grades—songs from the best composers with words appropriate to child life. Sight-reading is taught with black-board exercises involving principles of time and tune adapted to the needs and capacity of young children.

In fourth grade and up, part-singing is taught both class-wise and individually, with, in many cases, astonishing good results—as, for instance, in eighth and ninth grades where we have some “changed” voices among the boys, the four-part work—soprano, alto, tenor-alto and bass—has been very gratifying. The boys read from bass clef as readily as from treble and in moderately difficult music the parts are well sustained.

We have had written work in all grades—copying, writing from number and song dictation, writing songs that have been memorized, and in a very small way original work, with attention to correct form.

The question has sometimes been raised, “Is it advisable to teach sight-reading in the primary grades?” If those who doubt could see the eagerness and joy and alacrity with which the little tots receive the knowledge that makes it possible for them to “read” the notes just as they do words, the question would be satisfactorily answered.

After the thorough preparation in the grades the pupils are supposed to have acquired such proficiency in reading music that only choral work with piano accompaniment is done in the high school, and this once a week instead of every day as in the grades. The full chorus is sometimes supplemented with small choruses and quartettes.

Much credit is due the regular teachers for their generous and effective co-operation in the work, without which a supervisor can accomplish but little.

Respectfully,

ELIZABETH C. CHASE,

March 3, 1906.

Exercises, June 16, 1905.

PROGRAMME.

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|-----|------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1. | Organ Solo, | Marche des Tambours | Sidney Smith |
| | | Mrs. W. H. Bennett | |
| 2. | Prayer, | | |
| | | Rev. Benjamin H. Bailey | |
| 3. | Essay, | The Formative Influence of Westford | |
| | | N. Blanche Waller, Westford | |
| 4. | Essay, | The Development of the English Novel | |
| | | Grace L. Fletcher, Westford | |
| 5. | Song, | Song at Sunrise | C. F. Manney |
| | | Girls' Chorus | |
| 6. | Essay, | The Rise of the Public Library in America | |
| | | Alice M. Howard, Westford | |
| 7. | Essay, | Dido and Cleopatra | |
| | | Alice L. Prescott, Westford | |
| 8. | Song, | Poppies (Slumber Song) | R. DeKoven |
| | | Mrs. Jessie Pedrick Jenkins | |
| 9. | Essay, | Joan of Arc | |
| | | Marguerite H. Banister, Westford | |
| 10. | Essay, | Tennyson's Ideal Woman | |
| | | Elsa R. Anderson, Chelmsford | |
| 11. | Song, | Morn Rise (Sephanie Gavotte) | Arr. by Manney |
| | | Girls' Chorus | |
| 12. | Class Prophecy | | |
| | | Evelyn C. Miner, Shirley | |
| 13. | Organ Solo, | Andante, from Fifth Symphony, Beethoven | |
| | | Mrs. Bennett | |
| 14. | Conferring of Diplomas | | |
| | | Hon. Herbert E. Fletcher | |
| 15. | Class Song | | |
| 16. | "America" | | |

GRADUATING CLASS

LATIN SCIENTIFIC COURSE

Elsa Ragnhilde Anderson
Alice Mabel Howard
Alice Luella Prescott
Nellie Blanche Waller

ENGLISH COURSE

Marguerite How Banister
Grace Lovina Fletcher
Evelyn Carleton Miner
Motto:—"Non Nobis Solum"

STATISTICS FOR 1904-1905.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Number of Weeks.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. of Attendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 14, 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy	X-XIII	39	27	24.4	22	91	4	6	22
Center Grammar.....	VIII-IX	36	29	25.5	23	90	20	20	9
Center Intermediate.....	IV-VII	36	47	41.9	38	91	45	47	0
Center Primary.....	I-III	36	27	23.8	21	89	13	24	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar.....	VI-VIII	36	35	33	30	91	33	35	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar.....	IV-V	36	24	21	19	90	23	24	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II-III	36	27	26.8	24.8	92.5	27	27	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	36	32	27.8	23.9	86	15	29	0
Forge Grammar	III-VII	36	28	24.4	23	94.8	25	25	0
Forge Primary.....	I-II	36	58	46	43	93	40	55	0
Stony Brook.....	I-VII	36	38	31.6	26.7	84	24	37	0
Nabnasset	I-VII	36	28	26.6	22	83	24	27	1
Minot's Corner.....	I-VII	36	13	11	9	85	11	13	0
Parkerville	I-VII	36	23	19.8	18	89	13	22	0
Nashoba	I-VII	36	13	11.9	11	93	9	12	0
Totals			449	397	354	89	326	403	32

LIST OF TEACHERS 1905-1906

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS	App'ted.	EDUCATED.	Salary
Academy, { Principal	Wm. A. Perkins.	1904	Bowdoin '83.	\$1300 00
Center Grammar, { Assistant	Grace E. Thompson.	1904	Bates '02.	600 00
Center Intermediate.	Elsie P. Newcomb	1904	Bridgewater Normal.	450 00
Center Primary.	Sadie E. Hanscom	1903	Worcester Normal.	432 00
Graniteville Upper Grammar	Millie F. Smith	1903	Worcester Normal.	396 00
Graniteville Lower Grammar	Thos. E. Freeman.	1905	Bridgewater Normal.	540 00
Graniteville Upper Primary	Issie A. Parker	1897	Westford Academy	360 00
Graniteville Lower Primary	Flora E. Palmer	1901	Westford Academy	360 00
Forge Grammar.	Ruth P. Tuttle.	1905	Lowell Normal.	360 00
Forge Primary { Principal	Emma G. Holt.	1904	Lowell Normal.	360 00
Forge Primary { Assistant	I. Millie Phillips	1901	Worcester Normal.	450 00
Stony Brook.	Abbie M. Blaisdell	1905	Lowell Normal.	288 00
Nabnasset	Anna Mellen.	1899	Lowell Normal.	360 00
Minot's Corner	Alice M. French	1905	Lowell Normal.	288 00
Parkerville	Luey B. Raddin	1904	Lowell Normal.	288 00
Nashoba	Emma M. Graham	1905	Lowell Normal.	324 00
Supervisor of Music.	Effie M. Bennett.	1905	Lowell Normal.	288 00
	Elizabeth C. Chase.	1905	Lowell Normal.	300 00

STATISTICS FALL AND WINTER TERMS 1905-1906.

SCHOOL.	Enroll- ment.	Av. Mem.	Av. Att.	Per cent. Att.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 5 and 15	Over 15
Academy	24	23	20	87	0	4	20
Center Grammar	37	33.9	30.6	90	0	26	11
Center Intermediate	43	39	36	91	42	43	0
Center Primary	35	28.8	25.7	88.9	22	35	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	25	21	18	86	21	24	0
Graniteville, Lower Grammar	33	30	27	91	32	33	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	30	25	23	91	27	30	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	23	17	15	87	5	23	0
Forge Grammar	33	29.8	29	94.6	31	33	0
Forge Primary	56	48.6	44.7	92	36	56	0
Stony Brook	34	28.8	24.7	86	27	34	0
Nabnasset	25	19	15.6	82	23	27	0
Minot's Corner	15	14	13	94	12	15	0
Parkville	24	23	21	92	17	22	0
Nashoba	9	9	8.8	90	9	9	0
Totals	446	394	332		354	414	31

Roll of Honor, September, 1904 to June, 1905.

ONE YEAR.

Davis, Willie	Healy, Henry
Gower, Francis	Kimball, A. Elizabeth
Healy, Nellie M.	Sullivan, Daniel

TWO TERMS.

Boucher, Florence	McDonald, Madeline
Boucher, Leo	McMaster, C. Hubert
Blodgett, Marion	Miller, Joseph
Buckingham, Horace	O'Harra, James
Buckingham, Edward	Prescott, E. Clyde
Gilson, Ella	Prinn, Carrie
Healy, Fred S.	Ricord, Della
Kimball, Jennie	Rockwell, Clifton
Loftus, Gertrude	Spinner, Elizabeth
Lorman, Martha M.	Sullivan, Frances
Lorman, Lydia	Sullivan, Margaret
McDonald, John	Symmes, George

Woods, Charles

ONE TERM.

Bicknell, Elva M.	Perkins, Mirick
Bicknell, Leroy E.	Prescott, Benj. A.
Banister, Seth	Provost, Mary
Charlton, Raymond	Prinn, Willie
Day, Albert	Ried, Ida
Beziel, Marie	Ricard, Josephine
Daley, Gladys	Recard, Alice

DeRoehn, Elmer
Fletcher, Ralph
Furbush, Helen
Gilson, Willie
Gagnon, Fred J.
Gagnon, George
Healy, Arthur
Healy, Margaret
Hunt, Maud
Helie, Lucien
Houle, Elvina
Jenkins, Justin B.
Lord, Marion
LeClerc, Corine
LeClerc, Antoinette
Lord, Philip
Milot, Rosa
Miller, Everett
Murray, Marshall
Osgood, Charles

Rockwell, Percy
Rockwell, Webster
Sanborn, George
Shattuck, Stella
Smith, Russell
Sutherland, Beatrice
Spillane, William
Sullivan, Mary
Sullivan, Mary
Sullivan, Joseph
Symmes, Anna
Symmes, Althea
Symmes, Paul
Sweetser, Howard
Tousignant, Amele
Wilson, Lillian
Wilson, George
Wall, Rachel M.
Walkden, Hubert H.
Whitney, Estella M.
Wilkinson, Della
Woodbury, Bertha

Roll of Honor, September, 1905 to March, 1906.

ONE TERM.

Banister, Seth	McCarthy, Catherine L.
Blaisdell, Chester E.	Mills, Ethel
Boucher, Florence	Mills, William
Boucher, Leda	McMaster, Hubert
Buckingham, Edw.	LeClerc, Corine
Burnham, Frederick W.	Osgood, Alberta
Cantin, Albert	Perkins, Elsie May
Cann, May	Perkins, Mirick T.
Day, May E.	Prinn, William
Davis, Willie	Provost, Mary
Eaton, Mabel F.	Rafferty, James
Fletcher, Lewis S.	Sweetser, Howard
Healy, Chas. Leo.	Sweetser, Everett
Healy, Margareta M.	Sweetser, Waldo
Healy, John	Sears, Anna
Hunt, Maud	Sleeper, Walter
Houle, Elzior	Symmes, Paul
Hildreth, Leon	Symmes, George
Jenkins, Justin B.	Sullivan, Margaret
Gilson, Wm.	Sullivan, John
Kenneally, Katherine	Seavey, Marjorie
Kimball, May	Sanborn, George
Lorman, Lydia	Savoir, Anna
Lorman, Martha	Walkden, Hubert H.
McCarthy, Wm.	Woods, Chas. E.
Wilkinson, Della	

TWO TERMS.

Bicknell, Leroy E.	O'Harra, James
Boucher, Leo	Prinn, Carrie
Charlten, Henry	Spinner, Elizabeth

Gower, Francis
Kimball, Rachel
Kimball, Elizabeth
Healy, Henry
Healy, Nellie

Spinner, Edith
Steel, Walter
Tallant, Albert
Wall, Rachel
Wilson, George
Whitney, Minnie A

School Calendar, 1906-1907.

SPRING TERM--Begins March 19, 1906; closes June 8, 1906.

Term's length, 12 weeks.

FALL TERM--Begins Sept. 3, 1906; closes Nov. 23, 1906.

Term's length, 12 weeks.

*WINTER TERM--Begins December 3, 1906; closes Mar. 1, 1907.

Term's length, 12 weeks.

SPRING TERM--Begins March 18, 1907; closes June 7, 1907.

Term's length, 12 weeks.

ACADEMY.

SPRING TERM--March 19, 1906 to June 22, 1906.

FALL TERM--September 3, 1906 to November 28, 1906.

*WINTER TERM--December 3, 1906 to March 8, 1907.

SPRING TERM--March 18, 1907, to June 21, 1907.

*Recess of one week, from December 21 to 31.

Extracts From Statutes — Revised Laws.

Chapter 43.

Section 11. The several school teachers shall faithfully keep the registers of attendance daily, and make due return thereof to the school committee, or to such person as the committee may designate. No teacher a public school shall receive payment for services for the two weeks preceding the close of any term, until the register, properly filled up and completed, is so returned. All registers shall be kept at the schools, and at all times during school hours shall be open to the inspection of the school committee, the superintendent of schools, the truant officers and the secretary and agent of the board of education. In reckoning the average membership and the percentage of attendance in the schools, no pupil's name shall be omitted in counting the number of persons belonging to the school and the number of absences of such persons until it is known that such pupil has withdrawn from the school without intention of returning or, in the absence of such knowledge, until consecutive days of absence have been recorded; but the foregoing provision for computing the average membership and the percentage of attendance shall not affect proceedings against habitual truants, absentees or school offenders, or other persons, under the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of chapter forty-six. A pupil who is not present during at least half of a session shall be marked and counted as absent for that session.

Chapter 44

Section 1. Every child between seven and fourteen years of age shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exception as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in section three of chapter forty-two and sections three, five and six of this chapter. The superintendent of schools or, if there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent or committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence. The attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if he has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town in accordance with the pro-

visions of the following section, or if he has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law, to be taught in the public schools, or if he has already acquired such branches of learning, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control to cause such child, whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully from school shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Section 6. A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate signed by a regular practising physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination. A child who is a member of a household in which a person is ill with smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever or measles, or of a household exposed to such contagion from another household as aforesaid, shall not attend any public school during such illness or until the teacher of the school has been furnished with a certificate from the board of health of the city or town, or from the attending physician of such person, stating that, in a case of smallpox, diphtheria or scarlet fever at least two weeks, and in a case of measles, at least three days, have elapsed since the recovery, removal or death of such person, and that danger of conveying such disease by such child has passed.

Chapter 46.

Section 3. Any child between seven and fourteen years of age who wilfully and habitually absents himself from school contrary to the provisions of section one of chapter forty-four shall be deemed to be an habitual truant, and, upon complaint of a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven of this chapter.

Section 4. A child between seven and sixteen years of age who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of any city or town, having no lawful occupation, habitually not attending school, and growing up in idleness and ignorance, shall be deemed an habitual absentee and, upon complaint by a truant officer or any other person and conviction thereof may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for

not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 5. A child under fourteen years of age who persistently violates the reasonable regulations of the school which he attends, or otherwise persistently misbehaves therein, so as to render himself a fit subject for expulsion therefrom, shall be deemed to be an habitual school offender, and, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, may, if a boy, be committed to a county truant school for not more than two years or to the Lyman school for boys, and, if a girl, to the state industrial school for girls, unless such child is placed on probation as provided in section seven.

Section 13. Truant officers shall inquire into all cases arising under the provisions of sections one and six of chapter forty-four and sections three, four and five of this chapter, and may make complaints and serve legal processes issued under the provisions of this chapter. They shall have the oversight of children placed on probation under the provisions of section seven. A truant officer may apprehend and take to school, without a warrant, any truant or absentee found wandering about in the streets or public places thereof.

Chapter 213.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROVAL OF AGE AND SCHOOLING CERTIFICATES OF MINORS.

Section 1. Chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Laws, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four, is hereby further amended by striking out section thirty-one and inserting in place thereof the following: *Section 31.* An age or schooling certificate shall not be approved unless satisfactory evidence is furnished by a certificate of birth or baptism of such minor or by the register of birth of such minor with a city or town clerk, that such minor is of the age stated in the certificate, except that other evidence, under oath, may be accepted in case the superintendent or person authorized by the school committee, as provided in the preceding section, decides that neither the certificate of birth or baptism, nor the register of birth is available for the purpose.

Section 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred and five. [*Approved March 24, 1905.*]

Chapter 267.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OF MINORS.

Section 1. Section twenty-eight of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "years", in the first line, the words:—and no child who is over fourteen and under sixteen years of age who does not have a certificate as required by the following four sections certifying to the child's ability to read at sight and to write legibly simple sentences in the English language,—by striking out the word "such", in the third line,—by inserting after the word "child" in the third line the words:—under the age of fourteen years,—and by striking out the word "nor", in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the word "or", so as to read as follows:—*Section 28*, No child under the age of fourteen years and no child who is over fourteen and under sixteen years of age who does not have a certificate as required by the following four sections certifying to the child's ability to read at sight and to write legibly simple sentences in the English language shall be employed in any factory, workshop or mercantile establishment. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed at work performed for wages or other compensation, to whomsoever payable, during the hours when the public schools of the city or town in which he resides are in session, or be employed at work before six o'clock in the morning or after seven o'clock in the evening.

Section 2. No certificate as provided for by sections twenty-nine to thirty-two inclusive of chapter one hundred and six of the Revised Laws shall be approved by any person for a minor under the age of sixteen years who intends to be employed in a factory, workshop or mercantile establishment, unless such person is satisfied that such minor is able to read at sight and to write legibly simple sentences in the English language.

Section 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and six. [*Approved April 6, 1905.*]

Chapter 320.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE AGE FOR COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Section 1. Section one of chapter forty-four of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "age", in the second line, the words:—and every child under sixteen years of age who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 1*. Every child between seven and fourteen

years of age and every child under sixteen years of age who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language, shall attend some public day school in the city or town in which he resides during the entire time the public day schools are in session, subject to such exceptions as to children, places of attendance and schools as are provided for in section three of chapter forty-two and sections three, five and six of this chapter. The superintendent of schools or, if there is no superintendent of schools, the school committee, or teachers acting under authority of said superintendent or committee, may excuse cases of necessary absence. The attendance of a child upon a public day school shall not be required if he has attended for a like period of time a private day school approved by the school committee of such city or town in accordance with the provisions of the following section, or if he has been otherwise instructed for a like period of time in the branches of learning required by law to be taught in the public schools, or if he has already acquired such branches of learning, or if his physical or mental condition is such as to render such attendance inexpedient or impracticable. Every person having under his control a child as described in this section shall cause him to attend school as herein required; and if he fails for five day sessions or ten half day sessions within any period of six months while under such control to cause such child, whose physical or mental condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable, so to attend school, he shall, upon complaint by a truant officer and conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars. Whoever induces or attempts to induce a child to absent himself unlawfully from school, or employs or harbors a child who, while school is in session, is absent unlawfully from school shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Section 2. . This act shall take effect on the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and six. [*Approved April 21, 1905.*]

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TOWN OF WESTFORD



Annual Report For Year Ending March 1st 1907

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For the Annual Town Meeting to be held
March 18, 1907

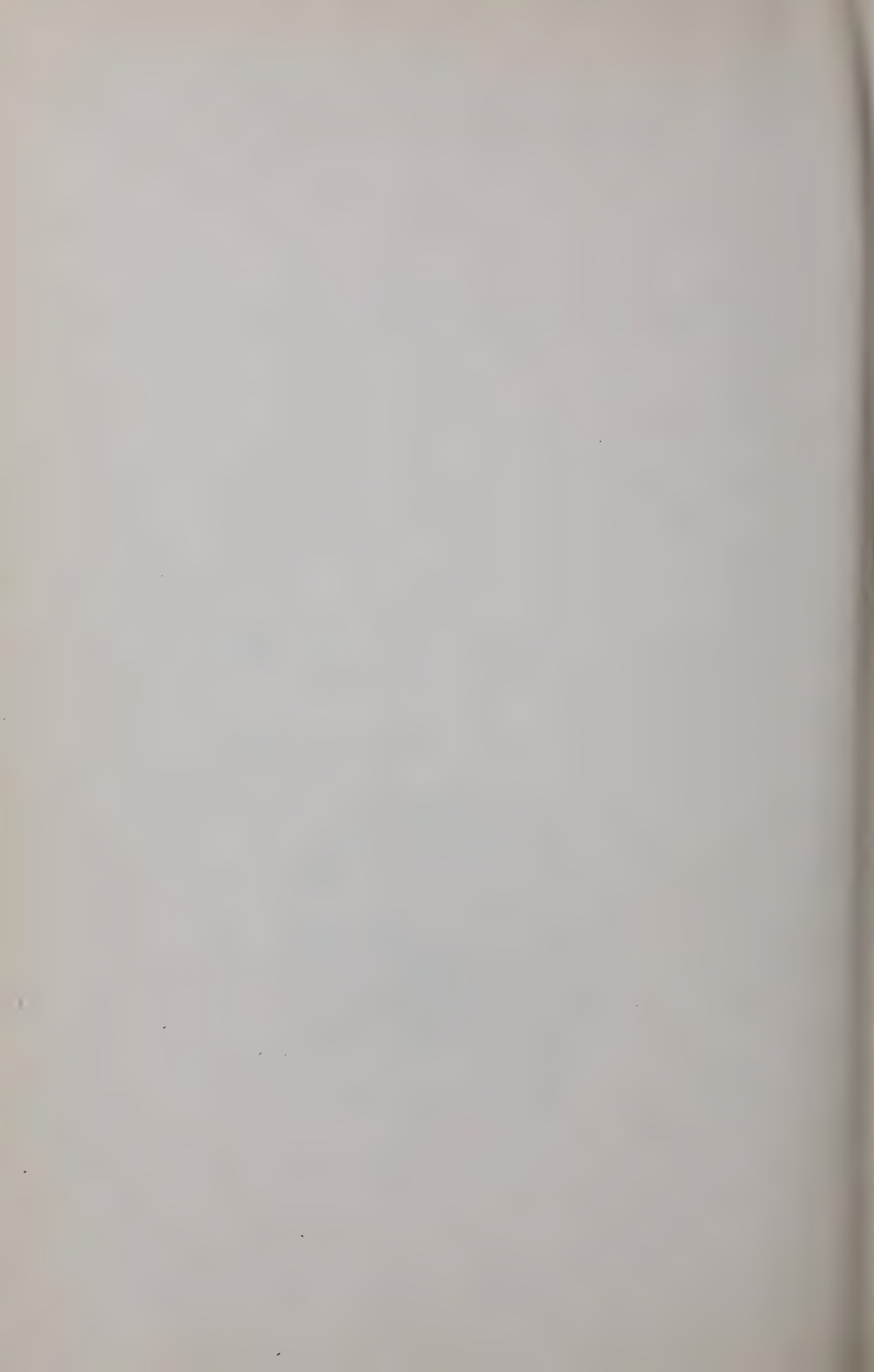
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LOWELL, MASS.
COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS
1907



Officers of the Town of Westford, 1906.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHER Term expires March, 1909

Selectmen.

ALEC FISHER, Secretary Term expires March, 1907

OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman. ... Term expires March, 1908

WESLEY O. HAWKES Term expires March, 1909

Assessors.

GEORGE H. HARTFORD, Chairman . Term expires March, 1907

J. WILLARD FLETCHER Term expires March, 1908

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR, Secretary..... Term expires March, 1909

Overseers of the Poor.

LEONARD W. WHEELER, Chairman. Term expires March, 1907

ALBERT R. CHOATE Term expires March, 1908

ARTHUR H. BURNHAM, Secretary .. Term expires March, 1909

Treasurer.

NAHUM W. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR.

Constables.

SAMUEL H. BALCH, .

EDSON G. BOYNTON

School Committee.

JOHN C. ABBOT. Term expires March, 1907

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman Term expires March, 1907

T. ARTHUR E. WILSON Term expires March, 1908

WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary. ... Term expires March, 1908

CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN Term expires March, 1909

HOMER M. SEAVEY. Term expires March, 1909

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

CATHARINE A. KEBLER, Chairman . Term expires March, 1907
 WALTER C. WRIGHT, Term expires March, 1908
 WILLIAM A. PERKINS, Secretary. . . Term expires March, 1909

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS Term expires March, 1907
 GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary Term expires March, 1908
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, Chairman.. Term expires March, 1909

Tree Warden.

JAMES SPINNER.

Field Drivers.

DAVID DESMOND, JONATHAN H. COLBURN,
 ALBERT A. HILDRETH.

Fence Viewers.

WALDO F. PRESCOTT, ALMON S. VOSE,
 JOSEPH E. KNIGHT.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

WILLARD H. BEEBE,	MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHAY,
CHARLES A. BLODGETT,	CHARLES E. OSGOOD,
DAVID DESMOND,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HORACE E. GOULD,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
JOHN A. HEALY,	THOMAS E. SYMMES,
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,	SAMUEL L. TAYLOR.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

WALDO F. PRESCOTT.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Special Police Officers.

ERNEST H. DANE,	MARK M. MORRISON,
JOHN FEENEY,	ELMER E. NUTTING,
FRANK HEALY,	LINCOLN A. REDDICK,
GEORGE H. MCGREGOR,	WALTER A. WHIDDEN,
J. F. MAHONEY,	LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Fire Wards.

EDSON G. BOYNTON,	FRANK H. HILDRETH,
CHARLES EDWARDS,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
JOHN A. HEALY,	T. ARTHUR E. WILSON.

Forest Fire Wards.

EDSON G. BOYNTON,	HORACE E. GOULD,
DAVID DESMOND,	JOHN A. HEALY,
CHARLES EDWARDS,	GEORGE O. JACKSON,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	DONALD J. MCLEOD,
EBENEZER PRESCOTT,	WALTER A. WHIDDEN,
WALDO F. PRESCOTT,	WILLIAM L. WOODS.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,	J. AUSTIN HEALY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	JOHN A. HEALY,
ALFRED H. HARTFORD,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
EVA F. PYNE,	JAMES F. PYNE,
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.	

Superintendent of Streets.

ANGUS McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of Board of Health.

WESLEY O. HAWKES,	WALDO F. PRESCOTT.
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Registrars of Voters.

ALFRED WOODBURY Term Expires April 30, 1907
 J. HERBERT FLETCHER Term Expires April 30, 1908
 QUINCY W. DAY, Chairman.... Term Expires April 30, 1909
 EDWARD FISHER, Clerk ex officio.

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Homer M. Seavey; Deputy Warden, Samuel H. Balch; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, Albert W. Heywood; Inspectors, T. Arthur E. Wilson, William H. H. Burbeck; Deputy Inspectors, Wayland F. Balch, Clarence R. P. Decatur.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Deputy Warden, Albert R. Wall; Clerk, Walter C. Wright; Deputy Clerk, Hammett D. Wright; Inspectors, Joseph Wall, Edson G. Boynton; Deputy Inspectors, Henry J. Healy, Richard D. Prescott.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey, Deputy Warden, William J. Flynn; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Samuel L. Taylor; Inspectors, Amos B. Polley, Houghton G. Osgood; Deputy Inspectors, Warren E. Carkin, James H. O'Brien.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

EDSON G. BOYNTON.

Janitor of Town House.

JOHN FEENEY.

Janitor of Library Building.

AI BICKNELL.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

FRANK C. WRIGHT, J. EVERETT WOODS,
 HOWARD L. WRIGHT.

Births.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1906.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
Feb. 25	Anderson Klara M. A.	Gustaf and Alma (Hesselind)
Feb. 25	Anderson Roland W.	Andrew and Julia (Anderson)
Jan. 22	Barretto Verginia M.	Francisio and Acurora (Marchioni) ..
Jan. 9	Bell Jessie C.	Robert J. and Jessie A. (Walkden) ..
July 15	Byron Leona R.	Oliver and Alixena (Ricord)
Oct. 3	Capuano Carmela	Antonio and Filomena (Morena)
Aug. 24	Capuano Leonadora	Antonio and Tresa (Morena)
Oct. 18	Colburn Clarence H.	J. Henry and Daisy (Nathans)
Jan. 13	Cote ————	Amadi and Melani (Melan)
March 20	Cornellier Joseph A. N.	Arthur and Barelida (Geothier)
Aug. 7	Courtney Alice	Alexander and Mary (Barlow)
March 13	Day Clifford E.	Arthur E. and Margaret L. (Gunter) ..
Jan. 1	Desoro Maria T.	Paolo. and Cecelia (Qanchi)
July 9	Decaro Lauda	Giovanni and Rose (Vincerago)
Dec. 7	Dureault Francis X.	Aime and Ester (Drouillard)
March 6	Elliott James	James and Mary A. (Bointon)
Oct. 3	Elliott Augustine	Matthew and Catherine (McQueeney) ..
Jan. 14	Green William K.	William E. and Rose E. (Murray) ..
Aug. 29	Healey Genevieve	William H. and Bridget E. (McCarron) ..
March 12	Healy George M.	Stephen H. and Edith (Darling)
Feb. 27	Hosmer Edward W.	William E. and Jennie A. (Bennett) ..
Aug. 20	Humiston Elliot F.	Elliott F. and Emma G. (Johnson) ..
Aug. 10	Jarvis Francis B.	Everett P. and Florence M. (Blaisdell) ..
Feb. 21	Johnson William W.	William H. and Amie (Peckins)
Aug. 2	Lamie Mary J.	Exor and Curore (DeLoria)
Aug. 31	Leith Donald M.	Hugh F. and Edith H. (Brown)
July 2	Marshall Marion B.	Charles P. and Hattie M. (Wight)
Sept. 11	McCarthy Patrick	Joseph F. and Josephine A. (Brisson) ..
Nov. 3	Mountain Edward P.	Ernest G. and Catherine (Whigham) ..
July 21	Navrossa ————	Colip and Tefila (Shiviska)
July 4	Nelson Roy A.	Jasper and Ina (Ruiter)
Jan. 4	O'Brien Helen M.	John W. and Isabell (Johnson)
Oct. 31	Phillips Nathaniel H.	Norman and Susie (Whitney)
Dec. 14	Payne Catherine V.	James H. and May E. (LeDuc)
April 12	Perkins Harry	John and Lillian (Burchell)
Oct. 13	Perkins Lillian E.	George and Adelaide (Taylor)
Sept. 9	Prynn Elizabeth I.	Alfred and Mary E. (Ledwith)
Jan. 15	Profita Annie A.	Joseph and Annie (Brisson)
Jan. 28	Richerson Gladys E.	Joseph T. and Etta A. (Smith)
Dec. 27	Reid Kathleen	Clarence A. and Kathleen (Denovan) ..
Feb. 9	Smith Pauline	John and Alice (Ramis)
Feb. 6	Smith ————	William H. and Oriel E. (Harwood) ..
Dec. 21	Swain Mary B.	Fred W. and Helen E. (Woodman)
Sept. 22	Shields ————	Ovide and Sara (Maville)
Sept. 19	Silver Lillieya E. L.	Charles and Annie (Silver)
June 7	Strandberg Alfred L.	Carl and Constance (Anderson)
March 17	Wilder Walter H.	William and Amanda (Murry)
Dec. 28	Wilson Elizabeth.	James D. and Lilla (Going)

Four stillborn One illegitimate. -Number recorded: males 27, females 26, total 53.

Marriages.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1906.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
March 10	Andriani Angelo	23	Quincy	Italy
	DeLorenzo Giovanna	23	Westford	Italy
Dec. 10	Baker John	32	Westford	England
	Davis Charlotte	29	Westford	England
Sept. 26	Blodgett William A.	24	Groton	Westford
	Cotterell Mary	22	Westford	England
July 30	Cockcroft Herbert	26	Westford	England
	Hunt Lillian J.	25	Westford	England
April 30	Daly John J.	23	Westford	Lowell
	May Margaret A.	25	Westford	England
May 30	Doucett John	25	Westford	Cloverdale, N. B.
	Perkins Rachel M. W.	20	Westford	St. Johns, N. B.
Oct. 14	Dupont Howara	23	Westford	Canada
	Lamie Amelia	18	Westford	Lowell
Aug. 22	Fisher Edward	31	Westford	Westford
	Gardner Helen I.	30	Swampscott	Castine, Me.
July 25	Foley Hugh E.	29	Littleton	Ayer
	Stephan Amelia A.	31	Westford	Patterson, N. J.
June 6	Harrington Daniel W.	26	Westford	Tyngsborough ..
	Riney Hannah E.	26	Westford	Lowell
Dec. 5	Hildreth Albert A.	27	Westford	Westford
	Bailey Alma R.	30	Andover	Andover
May 28	Jirona Jean	34	Westford	Canada
	Gair Annie	43	Westford	Canada
Aug. 11	Kiciolicz Wardislaw	21	Westford	Russia
	Wisocka Maryzana	20	Westford	Russia
June 23	Lobiedginski Michal	28	Westford	Russia
	Sorokowa Maryanna	23	Westford	Russia
June 30	Mardast Joseph	35	Westford	Russia
	Budnik Elizabeth	26	Westford	Russia
Sept. 19	McMaster Frank E.	23	Lowell	Lowell
	Christy Eva M.	18	Lowell	Lowell
May 13	Michalonski Alexander	25	Westford	Russia
	Budnik Josephine	26	Westford	Russia
June 9	Nawasza Filip	27	Westford	Russia
	Sixvicka Teapla	25	Westford	Russia
April 30	Nivklin George K.	25	Worcester	Gothen, N. H.
	Dugdale Jennie	21	Westford	Lowell
Sept. 26	Paquette John B.	21	Nashua, N. H.	Sandow, N. H.
	Le Clerc Evelyn M.	21	Westford	Canada
Sept. 17	Ricord Dona	22	Westford	Canada
	Brulee Josephine	20	Westford	Canada
Oct. 16	Riney Timothy A.	27	Westford	Lowell
	Le Duc Mary L.	24	Westford	Canada
Dec. 26	Tousignant Toal	24	Westford	Canada
	Berthiannie Virginil	21	Westford	Canada
Nov. 30	Whitney Edmon B.	18	Westford	Lowell
	Smith Grace L.	18	Westford	Pelham, N. H.

Number of marriages recorded, 24.

Deaths.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1906.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
Nov. 4	Balch Ellen L., wife of Samuel H.	47	6	22
March 25	Chamberlain Mary E., widow of Henry	70	10	16
Dec. 1	Clark Fidelia P., widow of Elias	84	2	13
April 15	Davis Caroline E., daughter of Ancil and Caroline M. (Davis) ..	63	6	22
June 18	Drew George, son of Cephas and Edea F. (Symms)	77	5	18
Jan. 30	Fletcher Charles L., son of Thomas and Orpah (Fletcher)	84	11	10
July 25	Fletcher Mary A., widow of Samuel	70	4	19
Oct. 26	Follansbee Charles H., son of Charles and Abigail (Chandler) ..	69	6	
Sept. 16	Good Agnes, daughter of John and Mary L. (O'Brien)	1	6	
Nov. 1	Harrington, Mary F., widow Patrick	61	5	
Feb. 2	Healy Marcia M., daughter of Matthew and Ruby (Lilebridge) ..	23	11	
Feb. 17	Heroux Joseph A., son of Joseph and Marie L. (Zugere)		3	15
Feb. 13	Kimberowicz Bromistawa, son of Michal and Krystyna (Elska) ..		1	
July 23	Kriwicz Nicolas	27		
May 21	Lundberg Anna S., wife of Axel A.	57	9	25
Oct. 20	McCarthy Patrick H., son of Joseph and Josephine (Brisson) ..		1	17
Aug. 31	McDonald William O., son of Alexandra and Margaret (Finney) ..		8	12
June 28	McLeod Susan A., daughter of Mathias and Catherine (Harvey) ..	56		
July 28	Mellor Thomas	67	8	26
Sept. 13	Mills Hugh, son of John and Mary	79		17
Nov. 30	Nelson Roy A., son of Jasper H. and Ina P. (Ruiter)		4	26
Oct. 20	O'Brien Helen M., daughter of John W. and Isabel (Johnson) ..		9	16
March 17	O'Brien John M., son of Cornelius and Harriet (Donovan) ..	27	2	
Dec. 18	Ogden Margaret, wife of James P.	67		4
June 24	Pollock Robert L., son of George and Helen F. (Johnson)	1	1	8
Nov. 21	Russell Thomas F., son of Richard and Margaret (Crukshank) ..	66	2	24
Oct. 22	Shea Irene F., daughter of Joseph F. and Inez F. (Kimball) ...	5	2	23
Nov. 1	Sullivan Ellen, widow of Patrick	68		
Sept. 19	Sullivan Patrick H., son of Michael and Ellen	33		
Aug. 31	Tallant Josephine A., wife of Eben W.	58		
Oct. 18	Wall Christina A., daughter of Patrick and Alice (Lynch)	48		
Oct. 17	Ward David, son of John	80		
Sept. 25	Whidden Emerline D., wife of Charles E.	67		27
Nov. 7	Whitney Horace, son of Jessie	55		7

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	19	19	38
Number of deaths in town	17	19	36
Residents of Westford	19	19	38

Note.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record, or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may involve some trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1906.

184 males at \$2.00	\$368 00
16 females at \$5.00	80 00
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Total	\$448 00
Clerk's fees, 200 licenses at 20 cents	40 00
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Balance paid into County Treasury	\$408 00

Number returned by assessors: Males, 177; females, 14; total, 191.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT, FEB. 16, 1906.

Abbot John C.	Cann Charles W.
Anderson Andrew	Carkin Warren E.
Banister Frances W.	Carmichael James H. (2)
Beshard Henry	Carmichael John, Jr.
Blaisdell Alvin J.	Clements John E.
Blodgett Arthur T.	Clements William
Blodgett Fred R.	Comey Arthur H.
Blood Mary O.	Comstock Frank R.
Bridgford Ralph	Connell John H.
Brown John H.	Connelier Arthur
Burke Dennis	Crossland Christopher
Burnham Arthur H.	Couture Joseph
Bussey George W.	Cummings Charles M.
Butterworth William L.	Daly Maurice
Cahill Michael	Day Alfred S.
Cameron Donald M.	Decatur C. R. P. (f)

Decatur Albert W.	Healy Frank (m. & f.)
Decatur Nathaniel J. (m. & f.)	Healy John A. (2)
Decatur William H. (m. & f.)	Healy Henry J.
Dege H. C.	Healy J. Austin (2)
Dege H. E.	Healy Peter
Delorenzo Bertha	Healy Stephen
Desjardins Oliver	Hedman Erick
Desmond David	Hildreth Charles W. (2)
Donnelly William	Hinckley Sylvanus E.
Downs Matthew F. (2)	Hunt Edward
Drew Frank C.	Hutchins Stephen E.
Drew George	Ingalls Harry M.
Driscoll Michael D.	Irish George F. (f.)
Edwards Charles	Jarvis Everett P. (f.)
Drolet Alfred	Jenkins Mark M.
Elliott James	Jenne Albert E. (2)
Elliott Matthew	Johnson William W. (f.)
Farrar George W. (f.)	Kabele Henry M.
Feeney John	Kendrick George W. (f.)
Flagg Elbert H.	Keyes F. L.
Fletcher Harry N. (2)	Kimball George A.
Fletcher Herbert E.	Knight Joseph E.
Fletcher J. Henry	Knowles James
Fletcher J. Willard	Labreche John B.
Flynn John	Larkin Thomas J.
Foster Arthur (2)	Leland Katherine
Gilson George Q.	Martin Frederick
Gilson Lewis S.	McCarthy Robert J. (f.)
Gould Horace E.	McCoy Fred L.
Gower William	McDonald Alec
Green Rosie E. (f.)	McDonald William O.
Greenwood Abram	McDougall Allister F.
Gregory Frank	McGlinchey Michael L.
Greig John L.	McGlinchey Peter J. (m. & f.)
Haley John	McIntosh John
Hamlin Edward A.	McLeod D. J.
Harrington Daniel W.	McMaster John
Hartford Ida F.	Meades Dwight H.

Miller Frank E.	Simpson John L.
Monegan George A. (2)	Smith Matthew
Mountain George E.	Snow Fred L.
Murphy Frank J.	Stephens Reinhold
Murphy Henry J. (2)	Strandberg Carl
Nesmith Harry L. (f.)	Sullivan James P.
Nutting Elmer E.	Sullivan Timothy
O'Brien George	Swanson Noah
O'Brien James (3)	Sweatt Marion
O'Brien James H.	Sweetser Judson F.
O'Brien John W. (f.)	Sweetser Warner P. (m. & f.)
Osgood Susan A.	Toper Sarah
Osgood Charles E.	Tuttle Aaron
Page Anna M.	Voyer Peter (2)
Parrott Arthur B.	Ward John E.
Payne James H.	Wayne William
Polley Alvin G.	Wentworth John
Prescott Frank R.	Wentworth George A.
Prescott Lester	Whigham William
Prescott Richard D.	Whitcomb Charles E.
Provost Thomas N.	Whitney H. E.
Pulsifer John F.	Whitney Edgar E.
Pyne Olive	Whitney George W.
Quinn John	Wilkerson Lizzie
Read Henry B.	Wilson James
Reddick Lincoln A. (f.)	Wilson James D.
Reed Charles W. (2)	Wilson T. Arthur E.
Reid Clarence A.	Woods William L.
Riney Hannah E.	Wright Addie S.
Robinson C. W.	Wright Flora M.
Rockwell Guy L.	Wright Frank C.
Salls Reuben	Wright Hammett D.
Sargent Charles G.	Wright Sidney B.
Seifer William F.	Wyman George W.
Sevard Henry	Wyman Walter W.
Shorey Fred H. (f.)	Wyman William
Shugrue Charles	York Mabel C.

Annual Town Meeting, March 19, 1906.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, March 19, 1906, the following business was transacted:—

1. Sherman H. Fletcher chosen Moderator. T. Arthur E. Wilson and Frank Healy appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipt therefor. John M. Fletcher and Waldo F. Prescott appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, having been sworn, took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register was placed at zero. The polls were declared open at 8 A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballots were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls and Walter A. Whidden and William H. H. Burbeck were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing said ballots. They were sworn by the Town Clerk. It was voted to hold the polls open until 1.15 P. M.

The polls were declared to be closed at 1.15 P. M. The register stood at 336. Number of names checked in the ballot clerk's list and ballot box list was: males, 333; females, 3; total, 336.

Number of ballots cast: males, 333; females, 3; total, 336.

2. Voted to take up the remaining articles of the warrant.
3. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen as printed.
4. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

6. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

7. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

8. Voted to accept the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

10. Voted to excuse Charles M. Trull, Hugh Daly and Asa B. M. Eastman from the list of jurors. Voted to add the names of Albert W. Heywood, Fred A. Smith and Fred A. Sweatt.

Voted to accept the list of jurors as printed and as amended by the previous vote. The list is as follows: Joseph Banister, machinist; Willard H. Beebe, carpenter; Charles A. Blodgett, farmer; Charles Edwards, farmer; Elbert H. Flagg, farmer; John M. Fletcher, merchant; J. Willard Fletcher, farmer; Frank L. Furbush, carpenter; George I. Gilson, machinist; Edwin H. Gould, farmer; John Greig, farmer; Albert W. Heywood, fireman; Frank Healy, teamster; Albert A. Hildreth, clerk; Frank H. Hildreth, farmer; George A. Kimball, farmer; Ebenezer Prescott, stonecutter; Nelson L. Prescott, farmer; Richard D. Prescott, farmer; Henry E. Shorey, farmer; Fred A. Smith, bottler; Fred A. Sweatt, machinist; Walter A. Whidden, farmer; John Wilson, farmer; John P. Wright, clerk; J. Everett Woods, farmer; Alfred Woodbury, farmer.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be one per cent. on the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000, and to appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto for repair of roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000, and to appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto for town debts and charges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for support of public schools.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500, and appropriate \$700 in addition thereto for High School purposes.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,000, and to appropriate \$300 in addition thereto for support of the poor.

17. Voted to appropriate \$600 for the purchase of school text books and supplies.

18. Voted to raise \$1,000, and appropriate \$1,500 to carry out the order of the County Commissioners for the relocation and repair of the Carlisle road, from Minots Corner, so called, to the school house in Parker Village, and that the Selectmen contract the work out to the lowest responsible bidder.

19. Voted to appropriate \$75 for the building of a movable bandstand, to be used on Memorial Day and other occasions.

20. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to investigate the advisability of putting in a public water supply.

21. Voted to dismiss Article 21 which was as follows: Article 21. "To see if the Town, in compliance with the recommendation of this Committee, will appropriate a sum of money to further investigate the cost of installing and maintaining a public water system."

22. Voted that the Board of Selectmen be and hereby are authorized to supervise the destruction of the gypsy and brown tail moths.

23. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of five, one from Forge Village, Graniteville, Westford Centre, Brookside and Parkerville to investigate the cost of lighting the streets in these five villages and report at a future meeting.

The Moderator appointed George T. Day, Charles M. Griffin, Michael L. McGlinchey, Richard D. Prescott and Joseph Wall.

24. Voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of five, three of whom shall consist of the Board of Selectmen, who shall report at a future Town Meeting the expense of installing a plan for lighting the Town House with gas. The Moderator appointed in addition to the Board of Selectmen, Julian A. Cameron and Alonzo H. Sutherland.

25. Voted that the matter of improving the sanitary condition of the Town Hall be referred to the Selectmen, they to report the probable expense thereof at a future meeting.

26. Voted that the matter of improving the Common be referred to the Selectmen, they to report at a future meeting.

27. Voted that the sum of \$150 be appropriated for the purpose of putting a fire escape on the Town Hall under the direction of the Selectmen, with full power to make the building safe.

28. Voted that the Town accept the sum of \$250 for the right-of-way taken through the Town Farm by the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company.

29. Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom.

30. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight, and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date, the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and collect the same according to law. There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed of five per cent. if paid on or before October first and three per cent. if paid on or before December first next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within three days after the first days of October and December and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received on or before the fifth days of October and December, and furthermore the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February. And the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July first next, and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode, within five days after the said first day of July.

31. Chose the following officers by hand vote: Field Drivers, David Desmond, Jonathan H. Colburn, Albert A. Hildreth. Fence Viewers, Waldo F. Prescott, Almon S. Vose, Joseph E. Knight. Measurers of Wood and Bark and Survey-

ors of Lumber, Charles E. Osgood, Charles A. Blodgett, Willard H. Beebe, Samuel L. Taylor, Horace E. Gould, Alonzo H. Sutherland, Michael L. McGlinchey, William W. Johnson, David Desmond, John A. Healy, Thomas E. Symmes, Oscar R. Spalding.

32. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100 to commemorate Memorial Day.

33. Voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated for the distribution of books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village, Brookside and Parkerville.

34. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as the Agents of the Town in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year.

35. Voted that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the purpose of suppressing the liquor traffic in Town, and that the Selectmen be authorized to employ or appoint constables or police officers to enforce the law.

36. Voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated, and that the Selectmen be authorized to offer that amount as a reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in this Town.

37. The votes having been counted, the following named were found and declared to be elected to the respective offices:

Selectmen—Wesley O. Hawkes.

Town Clerk—Edward Fisher.

Assessor—Samuel L. Taylor.

Overseer of the Poor—Arthur H. Burnham.

Town Treasurer—Nahum H. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—William R. Taylor.

Constables—Edson G. Boynton, Samuel H. Balch.

School Committee—Charles A. Chamberlain, Homer M. Seavey.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—William A. Perkins.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—George W. Heywood.

Tree Warden—James Spinner.

License: Yes, 127; No, 177.

38. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

39. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

A true record attest

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Special Town Meeting, July 6, 1906.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in town affairs, held at the Town House, Friday, July 6, 1906 the following business was transacted:

1. Sherman H. Fletcher chosen Moderator.

2. Voted that the report of the Selectmen, widening and altering a portion of Main Street in Graniteville, be and hereby is accepted and allowed, substituting in place of the sum of \$300 awarded to Timothy Driscoll, the sum of \$500, and that the Selectmen be authorized and empowered to contract out the construction thereof.

3. Voted that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the care and improvement of the several cemeteries.

4. Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Street Lighting.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen to investigate the lighting of the Town Hall, and that the Selectmen be authorized to make a contract with Gilbert and Barker to perform this work at an expense of about \$750.

6. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to investigate and report at a future meeting a system for improving the sanitary condition of the Town Hall, and the probable cost of installing such system.

7. Voted to lay Article 7 on the table. Article 7 was as follows: "To hear the report of the Committee chosen to investigate improving the Common, and act in relation to the same."

8. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

9. Voted that the meeting be dissolved.

A true record attest.

EDWARD FISHER,

Town Clerk.

State Election, November 6, 1906.

Party Designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; S. G. R., State Government Reform; I. L., Independence League.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Total
Whole number of votes cast	155	148	49	352

GOVERNOR.

Gamaliel Bradford of Wellesley (S. G. R.)	2	2	0	4
James F. Carey of Haverhill (S.)	0	2	0	2
William H. Carroll of Boston (S. L.)	0	1	0	1
Curtis Guild, Jr. of Boston (R.)	116	71	26	213
John B. Moran of Boston (P.)	6	9	2	17
John B. Moran of Boston (I. L.)	4	14	3	21
John B. Moran of Boston (D.)	22	41	12	75
John B. Moran of Boston	1	3	2	6
Blanks	4	5	4	13

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

E. Gerry Brown of Brockton (I. L. & D.)	32	61	15	108
Hervey S. Cowell of Ashburnham (P.)...	5	5	1	11
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale (R.)	109	67	25	201
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester (S. L.)	0	2	2	4
John F. Mullen of Fitchburg (S.)	0	3	0	3
Blanks	9	10	6	25

SECRETARY.

Joco Claudino of New Bedford (S. L.)	2	2	0	4
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham (P.)	2	3	1	6
Ambrose Miles of Lynn (S.)	0	4	1	5
William M. Olin of Boston (R.)	115	73	24	212
Charles C. Paine of Barnstable (I. L. & D.)	27	46	17	90
Blanks	9	20	6	35

TREASURER.

Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke (R.)	112	74	27	213
George B. Cushman of Brockton (S.)	2	3	1	6
S. Frederick French of Mansfield (P.)	3	4	1	8
George M. Harrigan of Lowell (I. L. & D.)	25	50	14	89
David F. Richardson of Lynn (S. L.)	0	0	0	0
Blanks	13	17	6	36

AUDITOR.

Albert Barnes of Fall River (S. L.)	0	2	0	2
Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield (I. L. & D.)	24	43	15	82
Fred L. Johnson of Lynn (S.)	1	4	2	7
James F. Pease of Merrimac (P.)	7	3	1	11
Henry E. Turner of Malden (R.)	107	72	24	203
Blanks	16	24	7	47

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket (P.)	3	5	1	9
Dana Malone of Greenfield (R.)	110	67	24	201
Arthur E. Reimer of Boston (S. L.)	1	2	1	4
John Weaver Sherman of Boston (S.)	1	5	1	7
John A. Thayer of Worcester (D.)	28	46	15	89
Blanks	12	23	7	42

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, FOURTH DISTRICT.

Timothy Richardson of Leominster (S.)..	6	14	6	26
Charles Q. Tirrell of Natick (R.)	115	84	27	226
Blanks	34	50	16	100

COUNCILLOR, SIXTH DISTRICT.

John C. Call of Newton (S.).....	1	4	3	8
Edward Gallagher of Lowell (D.)	27	46	15	88
Seward W. Jones of Newton (R.)	112	69	25	206
Blanks	15	29	6	50

SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

John P. Farley of Lowell (D.)	23	47	16	86
James Wilson Grimes of Reading (R.) ...	115	69	25	209
Charles W. Pratt of Saugus (S.)	1	5	2	8
Blanks	16	27	6	49

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

James P. Dunigan of Chelmsford (D.) ..	45	68	21	134
Edwin C. Perham of Chelmsford (R.) ...	99	60	21	180
Blanks	11	20	7	38

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Oscar J. Johnson of Malden (S.)	2	3	5	10
Patrick E. Sullivan of Lowell (D.)	28	43	15	86
Samuel O. Upham of Waltham (R.)	113	68	24	205
Blanks	12	34	5	51

CLERK OF COURTS.

Theodore C. Hurd of Winchester (R.) ..	115	73	28	216
Charles E. McCarthy of Lowell (D.).....	24	40	15	79
Blanks	16	35	6	57

REGISTER OF DEEDS, NORTHERN DISTRICT.

William F. Curtin of Lowell (D.)	28	46	16	90
Joseph P. Thompson of Lowell (R.).....	115	70	28	213
Blanks	12	32	5	49

COUNTY TREASURER.

Joseph O. Hayden of Somerville (R.) ...	113	75	26	214
John O'Brien of Townsend (D.)	27	36	15	78
William Parker of Arlington (S.)	1	4	2	7
Theodore H. Hamblet of Westford.....	0	0	1	1
Blanks	14	33	5	52

RETURN OF VOTES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR
ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Ayer	Carlisle	Chelms- ford	Little- ton	West- ford	Total
James P. Dunigan of Chelmsford	65	187	44	364	49	134	843
Edwin C. Perham of Chelmsford	227	225	44	302	111	180	1089
Blanks	28	44	10	38	18	38	176
Whole number of ballots	320	456	98	704	178	352	2,108

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden of Westford respectfully submits the following report:

During the past year, the Tree Warden's work has consisted of the usual tree pruning, etc., and the destruction of brown-tail moth nests. The work of removing the nests from the shade trees is now completed, and we have found the number greatly increased over that of last year. In many parts of the town the woodland is badly infested, particularly where there are oak trees, the infested district extending into the woods from 50 to 150 feet from the borders. We have found no nests farther in than that, except in the tops of tall oaks which extend above the surrounding trees.

Many property owners have had the work done thoroughly on their land, others have done nothing about it as yet, possibly waiting for more favorable weather.

JAMES SPINNER,

Tree Warden.

February 25, 1907.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., February 21, 1907.

As Sealer of Westford, I submit the following report for 1906.

Number of hay scales	6
Number of platform scales	18
Number of spring balances	4
Number of counter scales	21
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Total	49

WINE MEASURES.

Number of one gallon measures	3
Number of two quart measures	2
Number of one quart measures	2
Number of one pint measures	1
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Total	8

WALDO F. PRESCOTT,

Sealer.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNCOLLECTED FEB. 20, 1907

1905

C. R. P. Decatur	\$26 36
W. W. Johnson	23 96
Wilbert E. Parsons	24 92
Mrs. Wilbert E. Parsons	27 60
William E. Symmes	11 84
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1906

Frank Barrett	\$ 2 00
Michael Belder	2 00
John Belder	2 00
John Boyd	5 06
George Brown	2 00
Everett S. Brimmer	2 00
George C. Bunker	2 00
Charles A. Chamberlain	46 40
Louis Champaigne	2 00
Richard Colter	2 00
William Curran	18 20
Irving T. Cummings	2 00
Mrs. Walter Cummings Estate	9 00
Patrick Cuniff	2 00
John H. Decatur	18 54
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Amount carried forward	\$117 20

Amount brought forward	\$117 20
C. R. P. Decatur	26 24
Nathaniel J. Decatur	3 20
Wm. H. Decatur	62 66
John Donoghoa	2 00
Amie Dureault	3 50
Thomas Feeney	2 00
Samuel Fletcher Estate	130 98
John Foley	2 00
Henry Gagnon	2 00
George Hall	2 00
John Halmquist	2 00
Paul Jasmin	16 58
Wm. H. Johnson	2 00
W. W. Johnson	23 96
Oscar Johnson	2 00
Watson Kaulic	2 00
Daniel W. Kelleher	2 00
David Lamore	2 00
Joesph Lamore	2 00
Arthur Lampreaux	2 00
Hiram Leland	2 60
Edward S. Lord	2 00
Daniel May	2 00
Joseph F. McCarty	2 00
Michael McCloskey	2 00
John McIntosh	23 84
Wm. Minot	2 00
Herbert H. Mills	2 00
Alexander Mitchell	2 00
Harry R. Morton	2 00
George O'Brien	2 00
Frank Orouth	2 00
Arthur B. Parrott	12 80
Lewis P. Palmer	3 56
Wilbert E. Parsons	24 92

Amount carried forward \$498 04

Amount brought forward.....	\$498 04
Mrs. Wilbert E. Parsons	27 60
Peter Plemenos	2 00
John Priveth	2 00
Thomas Rafferty	10 40
Michael F. Rafferty	2 00
Willard T. Reed	2 00
Arthur Schanvell	2 00
George J. Sherburne	2 30
David W. Sherman	6 20
Wm. D. Show.....	2 00
Mrs. Charles Shugrue	27 06
Thomas Skarmear	2 00
Wm. Smith	2 00
Orrin Stewart	2 00
Dick Sullivan	2 00
Wm. E. Symmes	11 66
Fletcher Symmes	7 40
Elden Turner	2 00
Charles E. Whitcomb	2 00
Mrs. Sarah F. Whitney	33 90
Walter W. Wyman	8 60
Dominick Zanke	2 00
Catherine Robinson	1 80
Charles L. Adams	11 46
John Cartwright	6 00
Michael Garity	6 60
Patrick O'Riordan	4 20
Thomas Buey	3 00
John Carr	2 40
M. M. Doyle	4 80
Fred Naylor	1 20
Amount carried forward	\$700 62

Amount brought forward.....	\$700 52
Herman L. Purcell	3 00
H. M. Bacon.....	2 40
Emma E. Varnum	2 40
Paid since Audit	29 00
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	\$737 42

L. W. WHEELER,
Collector.

Selectmen's Report.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Nahum H. Wright, salary 1906.....	\$100 00
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expense	68 93
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	\$168 93

TOWN CLERK.

Edward Fisher, salary	\$ 12 00
Recording 61 births at 50 cents.....	30 50
“ 24 marriages at 20 cents each	4 80
“ 50 deaths at 20 cents each	10 00
Services at State election	5 00
Attending Town Clerk's meeting at Ayer	3 00
Services at special town meeting	3 00
Making out report	5 00
Postage, etc	1 07
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	\$ 74 37

SELECTMEN.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary.....	\$ 5 00
Making out State Aid Book	6 00
Making out 12 State Aid returns, under Chapter 79, Revised Law.....	6 00
Making out Town Report.....	15 00
Time and expense on highways.....	45 00
Extra time as Selectman	45 00
Time perambulating town lines between Carlisle and Westford	2 00
Time perambulating town lines between Tyngsboro and Westford	2 00
Time perambulating town lines between Groton and Westford	2 00
Cash paid for postage and telephone	3 00
Time and carfare on account electric road	35 00
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	\$166 00
Wesley O. Hawley, salary	\$ 5 00
Time and expense on highways.....	45 00
Extra time as Selectman	45 00
Time and expense on account electric road	20 65
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	\$115 65
Alec Fisher, salary.....	\$ 5 00
Time and expense on highways.....	40 00
Extra time as Selectman	35 00
Time perambulating town lines between Carlisle and Westford	2 00
Time perambulating town lines between Tyngsboro and Westford	2 00
Time perambulating town lines between Groton and Westford	2 00
Time and carfare on account electric road	35 00
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	\$121 00

AUDITOR.

W. R. Taylor	\$ 35 00
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ASSESSORS.

Samuel L. Taylor, 22 days taking invoice and making taxes	\$ 55 00
J. W. Fletcher, 25 days taking invoice and making taxes	62 50
G. H. Hartford, 40 days taking invoice and making taxes	100 00
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	\$217 50

TAX COLLECTOR.

L. W. Wheeler, collecting \$1,649.72 at 1 per cent ...	\$ 16 50
L. W. Wheeler, collecting \$20,236.01 at 1 per cent ..	202 36
Sherman H. Fletcher, 1,000 stamped envelopes	21 20
Sherman H. Fletcher, 500 stamped envelopes	5 60
Ætna Indemnity Co., collector's bond	40 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., books and blanks	6 45
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	\$292 11

CONSTABLES.

S. H. Balch, posting warrants	\$ 5 00
S. H. Balch, posting warrants	4 00
S. H. Balch, posting warrants, killing dogs, notifying delinquent dog owners, etc.....	24 00
S. H. Balch, services and expenses on cases	27 68
E. G. Boynton, services and expenses on cases	50 53
L. A. Reddick, services as special police	4 61
Walter A. Whidden, services as special police	16 35
John Feeney, services as special police	10 00
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	\$142 17

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Quincy W. Day, ten meetings	\$ 20 00
Alfred Woodbury, ten meetings	20 00
J. Herbert Fletcher, eight meetings	16 00
Edward Fisher, ten meetings.....	20 00
Edward Fisher, Clerk of Board	10 00
J. A. Healy, use of hall for meetings of Registrars ..	3 00
W. H. H. Burbeck, attending one meeting	2 00
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	\$ 91 00

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

George T. Day	\$ 85 00
Received from State	42 50
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	\$ 42 50

INSPECTOR OF MEAT.

Wm. Green	\$ 20 25
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TOWN COUNSEL.

Edward Fisher, advice to town officers	\$ 50 00
Edward Fisher, services and expenses as counsel, on account of electric road for 1904-1905-1906	\$568 42

TRUANT OFFICERS.

J. A. Healy, services 1906	\$ 7 63
S. H. Balch	1 50
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	\$ 9 13

EXPENSES ENFORCING THE LIQUOR LAW, UNDER VOTE OF THE
TOWN, MARCH 19, 1906, WITH COURT EXPENSES.

E. G. Boynton, services and expenses	\$ 50 92
S. H. Balch, services and expenses	33 99
Edward Fisher, legal services and expenses	25 80
Received from fines \$134.40	

CARLISLE ROAD.

John A. Healy, as per bill	\$2,519 07
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EXPENSES PAID TO DATE ON ACCOUNT OF WIDENING MAIN STREET

H. W. Tarbell, as per bill	\$2,446 59
Hammett D. Wright, stone	24 65
Smith & Brooks, surveying, etc.....	188 57
P. Henry Harrington, raising building and fence....	43 55
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	\$2,703 36

As appears by a memorandum on file with the Board of Railroad Commissioners, one-half of this expense is to be borne by the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co.

PRECINCT OFFICERS, BALLOT CLERKS, TELLERS, ETC.

Precinct One.

Waldo F. Prescott, Clerk, March, 1906	\$ 2 00
Waldo F. Prescott, Clerk, Nov., 1906	3 00
J. M. Fletcher, Teller, March, 1906	2 00
J. M. Fletcher, Clerk, Nov., 1906	4 00
W. H. H. Burbeck, Inspector, 1906	3 00
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	\$14 00

Precinct Two.

Hammett D. Wright, Deputy Clerk	\$ 2 00
Walter M. Wright, Clerk, Nov., 1906	4 00
E. G. Boynton, Inspector, 1906	2 00
E. G. Boynton, carrying ballot box	2 00
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	\$10 00

Precinct Three.

M. L. McGlinchey, Warden, Nov., 1906	\$ 4 00
H. G. Osgood, Inspector, Nov., 1906	3 00
L. A. Redd ck, moving ballot box	2 50
W. R. Taylor, Clerk, Nov., 1906	4 00
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	\$13 50

TREE WARDEN.

James Spinner, services	\$10 00
James Spinner, extra work	17 38
Waldo F. Prescott, trimming trees	4 50
Joseph Moran, work on trees	5 00
Wright & Fletcher, tools	3 90
O. R. Spalding, sending out Moth notices	6 00
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	\$46 78

BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

James Spinner	\$117 75
Wm. Green	111 76
Frank Moran	96 80
Herbert Mills	42 89
D. J. McLeod	8 10
J. H. Sears	1 50
Albert A. Hildreth	7 50
W. E. Carkin	1 75
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	\$388 05

UNDERTAKERS.

John A. Healy, attending 6 funerals	\$ 12 00
John A. Healy, making returns and permits for years 1902-03-04-05-06	12 50
George E. Gould, attending 36 funerals	72 00
George E. Gould, making 52 returns and permits ...	13 00
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	\$109 50

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

H. E. Richardson, Superintendent	\$160 00
H. E. Richardson, hiring teacher	1 45
E. L. Willard, Superintendent	160 00
E. L. Willard, telephone, etc.	6 25
A. B. Webber, Superintendent	480 00
A. B. Webber, telephone, etc.	5 04
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	3 00
John A. Healy, use of teams for school committee, teaming school supplies	21 40
M. G. Wright, 100 programs	1 25
Walter M. Wright, agent for supplies, cash paid for freight and express, labor, etc.	95 60
George H. Hartford, making school census	10 00
C. A. Chamberlain, making out school certificates...	1 00
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	\$944 99

TOWN COMMON.

Ai Bicknell, care of common and flag	\$35 00
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OVERSEERS OF POOR.

By orders (See Overseer's report)	\$1,375 22
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Waldo F. Prescott, services	\$25 00
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

By orders (See Board of Health report)	\$62 40
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SCHOOL-HOUSE REPAIRS AND ARTICLES
FURNISHED.

CENTRE SCHOOL—TWO SCHOOLS.

P. Henry Harrington, stock and labor.....	\$139 95
Nathan Prescott, painting and stock	119 80
H. A. Ferguson, labor	14 60
The Robertson Co., window shades	10 50
Hiram Dane, glass and setting	3 00
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	4 90
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	\$292 75

STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	\$2 65
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ACADEMY.

Abbot Worsted Co., wood alcohol	\$ 75
Wm. A. Perkins, cash paid for diplomas, stationery etc.	19 42
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	\$20 17

FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

P. Henry Harrington, stock and labor.....	\$218 68
Joe Wall, flag pole and work	9 30
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	1 32
John A. Healy, cleaning school-house, etc.	25 00
Abbot Worsted Co., use of water three years	15 00
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	\$269 30

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL.

Joe Wall, stock and labor	\$72 00
Henry J. Healy, 1 axe, 1 pail	1 45
Abbot Worsted Co., lumber, etc.	2 20
The Robertson Co., 1 desk	12 00
John A. Healy, work on chimney	125 00
John A. Healy, labor removing furnace, digging, piping, etc.	80 51
Walter M. Wright, as per bill	2 85
P. Henry Harrington, fire escape	238 00
P. Henry Harrington, stock and labor	82 07
C. G. Sargent, wood alcohol	75
W. F. Sargent, wiring for bells	2 75
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	\$619 58

PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

J. E. Knight, stock and labor	\$10 25
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MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

James Stanley, cleaning clock	\$1 35
A. J. Blaisdell, flag pole	2 00
J. H. Colburn, painting	28 00
Emerson & Co., pump and pipe	6 07
J. E. Knight, stock and labor	7 15
Wright & Fletcher, oil, white lead, etc.	31 05
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	\$75 62

NASHOBA SCHOOL.

Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	\$1 20
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NABNASSETT SCHOOL.

Joe Wall, stock and labor	\$ 56 25
P Henry Harrington, stock and labor	157 22
Robertson & Co., two chairs and express	3 75
F. E. Bickford, as per bill	80
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	\$218 02

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

J. L. Hammett & Co.	\$214 55
Edward E. Babb & Co	142 90
Ginn & Co	55 24
J. B. Lippincott Co	27 60
Rand, McNally & Co	12 13
D. C. Heath & Co	23 97
J. & I. E. Moore	14 00
Educational Publishing Co	5 42
Frost & Adams Co	15 69
J. Q. Adams & Co	8 00
Rumford Supply Co	5 25
Houghton, Mifflin Co	12 33
American Book Co	22 19
Milton Bradley Co	3 60
Silver, Burdett & Co	19 50
M. C. Wight & Co	3 75
The Macmillan Co	1 20
Thompson-Brown & Co	1 25
The "A" Co	1 00
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co	70
The Schœnhof Book Co	1 25
J. Louise Long	90
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	\$592 42

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian, Feb. 1, 1906 to Feb. 1, 1907	\$300 00
Mary P. Bunce, extra work, cash paid for express, freight, etc	75 84
Ai Bicknell, Janitor from Feb. 1, 1906 to Feb. 1, 1907	150 00
Ai Bicknell, extra work	2 50
Lowell Wall Paper Co., work on stack room	147 00
Wright & Fletcher, coal	152 01
Allen-Thompson-Whitney Co., seats	33 00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., as per bill	31 17
P. Henry Harrington, stock and labor	39 99
Joseph Wall, work on floors	14 00
Wright & Fletcher, lawn dressing, etc	15 13
Catherine A. Kebler, cash paid for 8½ yards felt and scales	14 98
H. W. Tarbell, plants and labor	4 20
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	6 26
William J. Day, ½ gal. furniture polish	1 60
Dennison Mfg. Co., ½ gross hooks	82
Herbert Mills, labor	2 00
Frank Shaw, stove	2 00
C. B. Coburn Co., 1 quart veneer, wax, etc	5 50
Abbot Worsted Co., as per bill	1 14
O. R. Spalding, 2 cords trash at \$2.75	5 50
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	\$1,004 64

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

W. H. H. Burbeck, delivering and collecting books ..	\$ 75 00
W. E. Symmes, delivering and collecting books	24 90
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	\$ 99 90

PRINTING.

Courier-Citizen Co., 700 copies Town Reports and 30 copies School Reports	\$189 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 800 valuation reports.....	91 00
Courier-Citizen Co., copies warrants	5 50
Courier-Citizen Co., 25 specimen ballots	} 6 50
Courier-Citizen Co., 540 official ballots	
Courier-Citizen Co., 50 official ballots	1 75
Courier-Citizen Co., stamped envelopes	49 50
Courier-Citizen Co., poster notices	11 90
Courier-Citizen Co., cards, programs, etc.....	7 75
Courier-Citizen Co., letter head, bill head, etc	14 50
Chamberlain & Co., tax bills, programs, etc	32 25
Buckland Printing Co., stamped envelopes	5 45
Wright & Potter Printing Co., as per bill	1 50
G. B. Lenfest, 30 copies of proposals for building road in Westford	25 50
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks and posters	1 75
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	\$443 85

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$100 00
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EXPENSE OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

E. G. Boynton, officer's fees	\$ 46 13
S. H. Balch, officer's fees	29 45
Walter Whidden, officer's fees	10 64
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	\$ 86 22

Received from fines, \$86.80.

INSURANCE.

Liverpool, London & Globe Companies, Town House .	\$ 40 00
Mutual Protection Co., Town House	39 37
Holyoke-Boston Companies, Town House.....	52 80
Boston, Forge Village School.....	76 50
Phoenix, Liverpool, London & Globe Companies, Library	112 50
Continental, Hartford, Conn. Co., Library	187 50
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	\$508 67

BAND STAND.

A. H. Sutherland	\$65 00
J. H. Colburn, painting	4 50
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	\$69 50

Appropriation, \$75.00

TOWN HOUSE.

John Feeney, Janitor from Feb. 1, 1906 to Feb. 1, 1907	\$141 70
John Feeney, cash paid pails, etc	1 50
C. W. Trainer Mfg. Co., asbestos curtain.....	53 00
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor on curtain	58 28
P. Henry Harrington, stock and labor.....	29 37
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	28 32
F. A. Miller; labor on curtain	4 56
Milford E. Somes, painting signs	2 80
M. J. Wood, sawing wood	13 50
J. Herbert Fletcher, oil, soap, etc	23 25
Wright & Fletcher, soap, chimneys, etc	19 15
Pearl Harmon, stock and labor, etc	21 74
O. R. Spalding, 1½ cords sawed wood	7 75
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	\$404 92

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory due from State	\$ 75 00
Rent of building	180 50
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	\$355 50

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

James A. Graham, Feb. 1, 1906 to Feb., 1907	\$96 00
Gilbert A. Hood, Feb. 1, 1906 to Aug. 1, 1906.....	24 00

MILITARY AID.

Gilbert A. Hood, Aug., 1906 to Feb. 1, 1907	\$120 00
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STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From Jan. 1, 1906 to Jan. 1, 1907	\$704 00
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PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By order	\$200 00
See Commissioners' Report.	

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

The following report on guide posts and guide boards is submitted:

We have renewed and painted 14 guide boards with proper designation and name of street.

The expense has been as follows:

Waldo F. Prescott, labor and team	\$9 00
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FOREST FIRES.

The last year we have been very fortunate in having very few forest fires, and the damages have been small.

The following expense has occurred:

J. Willard Fletcher and others at hand of Henry Fletcher	\$ 3 00
H. I. Fletcher & Co., at hand of G. C. Moore	5 00
E. G. Boynton, at hand of Amasa Brown	1 95
John A. Healy, expense at several fires	4 45
Wm. C. Edwards, expense at several fires	3 05
D. J. McLeod, at land of C. M. Griffin	3 80
O. R. Spalding, expense at several fires	2 00
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	\$23 25

FIRES—DWELLING HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

1906.

Sept. 21—Barn and shed of Clarence Reid. Value of buildings \$800.00. Insurance \$500.00.

Oct. 26—House and barn of J. T. Colburn. Value of buildings \$3,500.00. Insurance \$2,950.00.

The following expense has occurred:

S. A. Taylor, expense at Reid fire	\$ 2 00
Albert A. Hildreth, expense at Reid fire	4 00
W. E. Wright, expense at Reid fire	2 00
W. E. Wright, expense at Colburn fire	6 00
Wm. Perkins, expense at Colburn fire	2 00
John A. Healy, expense at Colburn fire	2 50
John A. Healy, expense at Reid fire	12 00
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	\$30 50

FIRE ESCAPE.

Chelmsford Foundry Co	\$144 00
J. H. Colburn, as per bill	2 50
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	\$146 50

Appropriation \$150.00.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Sherman H. Fletcher, postage for Town Reports	\$ 31 00
F. A. Smith, dinner for Election Officers ..	10 00
George Leland, cleaning pond at Graniteville	4 00
M. J. Wood, labor on Common	2 00
A. G. Pollard & Co., dishes for hall	21 26
John H. Cornell, damage on highway ...	50 00
John A. Healy, cash paid for fire pumps and shovels	60 60
Harry Raynes, forks and spoons for Town Hall	37 90
Wm. Whigham, abatement of taxes	2 57
Abbot Worsted Co., abatement of taxes..	16 87
The Adams Hardware & Paint Co., padlock, saw, etc	3 65
John A. Healy, use of hall	6 00
Frank A. Miller, blacksmithing	2 14
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	10
C. E. Whidden, express and freight	17 36
Frank C. Wright, appraising property at Town Farm.....	2 00
J. Everett Woods, appraising property at Town Farm.....	2 00
H. L. Wright, appraising property and making report at Town Farm	3 00
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Amount carried forward	\$272 45

Amount brought forward.....	\$272 45
Dr. W. J. Sleeper, return of 20 births	5 00
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	8 12
George E. Gould, work on hearse	3 00
J. A. Walkden, work on hearse	1 00
John Feeney, straps for hearse.....	1 00
Pearl Harmon, labor on hearse house ...	7 00

\$297 57

ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The bills show what months they were paid, but not in all cases the month the work or expense occurred.

MAY.

Angus McDonald, Supterintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams.....	104 00
Arthur La Breche, labor.....	35 60
John La Breche, labor	35 60
Hugene Coté, labor	14 40
Fred Greenwood, labor	22 80
Archie Martin, labor	13 60
Harmisdas Paryez, labor	34 40
Alexander McDonald, team	108 00
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., shovels	6 50
Frank E. Miller, blacksmithing	4 25

\$434 15

JUNE.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams.....	188 80
Alexander McDonald, team	4 00
John La Breche, labor	35 60

Amount carried forward \$283 40

Amount brought forward	\$283 40
Arthur La Breche, labor	37 20
Fred Greenwood, labor	37 20
Harmisdas Paryez, labor	37 20
Archie Martin, labor	37 20
Good Roads Machine Co., as per bill	9 10
Wm. C. Edwards, repairing bridge fence	6 52
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	\$447 82

JULY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	189 45
Fred Hoar, labor	18 40
Archie Martin, labor	39 60
John La Breche, labor	38 00
Mrs. Mary Brigham, team	12 00
Fred Greenwood, labor	40 40
Edward Boynton, team	36 00
Alexander McDonald, team	118 00
Harmisdas Paryez, labor	40 40
Charles Bicknell, labor	40 00
Oliver Record	5 60
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	\$632 85

AUGUST.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, teams	126 10
Alexander McDonald, team	96 00
Philip Gerrow, labor	38 40
John La Breche, labor	38 40
Fred Greenwood, labor	36 80
Archie Martin, labor	25 60
Frank E. Miller, blacksmithing	8 20
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	\$424 50

SEPTEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, team	101 00
Alexander McDonald, team	112 00
Archie Martin, labor	43 25
Henry Martin, labor	8 00
Fred Hoar, labor	33 60
John La Breche, labor	41 50
Philip Gerrow, labor	41 65
Fred Greenwood, labor	5 20

 \$441 20

OCTOBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 52 90
Angus McDonald, team	169 00
Archie Martin, labor	39 82
John La Breche, labor	39 82
John Gerrow, labor	15 32
John Payne, labor	3 88
Edward Boynton, team	32 00
Alexander McDonald, team	34 75
Philip Gerrow, labor	38 07

 \$425 56

NOVEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, team	205 75
Philip Gerrow, labor	42 98
Archie Martin, labor	42 98
John La Breche, labor	41 30
Charles G. & Fred R. Blodgett, team	4 00
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., wire, tools, rakes....	7 81

 \$399 82

DECEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 55 00
Angus McDonald, team	194 75
Alex Gregory, labor	36 50
John O'Riley, labor	36 50
Archie Martin, labor	35 63
Paul Marchiony, labor	5 25
W. W. Johnson, team	6 23
M. J. Wood, labor	4 09
David Tousignant, labor	3 50
M. F. Downs, team	12 00
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	\$389 45

JANUARY.

Angus McDonald, team and labor	\$40 50
George W. Whitney, team	4 00
Matthew F. Downs, team	10 23
John La Breche, labor	15 75
Amos Boucher, labor	3 06
Frank Barren, labor	3 06
Archie Martin, labor	3 06
Ishaelle Franceur, labor	3 06
Alexander McDonald, team	12 00
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	\$94 72

FEBRUARY.

Angus McDonald, team and labor	\$ 57 93
John La Breche, labor	10 05
Alexander McDonald, team	46 00
Paul Gludin, labor	9 63
John A. Healy, cleaning gutters, etc	12 16
John Painton, labor	9 63
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Amount carried forward	\$145 40

Amount brought forward	\$145 40
Archie Martin, labor	3 50
J. Everett Woods, labor	1 75
O. R. Spalding, posts and lumber	81 18
Israel Bartian, labor	9 63
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	\$241 46

GRAVEL.

Albert E. Jenne, 768 loads	\$38 40
Thomas Rafferty, 646 loads	32 30
Calvin Howard, 93 loads	4 65
Mrs. George Drew, 29 loads	1 45
Harry Fletcher, 138 loads	6 90
Augustus Bunce, 81 loads	4 05
Mark M. Morrison, 82 loads	4 10
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	\$91 85

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of Road Department: 1 set of heavy harness, 2 carts, 1 sled, 4 whiffletrees and chains, 2 spread chains, 4 horse collars, 1 wrench, 1 wagon jack, 2 heavy chains, 1 stone lifter, 1 pair hand splices, 6 rakes, 6 shovels, 1 manure fork, 6 stone forks, 3 plows, 10 blasting drills, 1 drill spoon, 6 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 4 bush snaths, 4 bush scythes, 1 axe, 5 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 3 large hoes, 6 picks, 6 iron bars, 1 pinch bar, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 2 stone hammers, 2 stable blankets, 2 street blankets, 3 stone drags, 2 yokes, 1 old road scraper, 1 gravel screen, 2 mattocks, 1 pail, 1 post spoon, 1 post hole digger, 2 feed bags, 1 trowel, 1 paving hammer, 2 pick handles, lot of sewer pipe, 1-2 barrel Portland cement, 1 set of heavy harness reins, 1 new road scraper, 1 snow roller.

By agreement made with the Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Company, five plank crossings were laid.

The expense as follows:

O. R. Spalding, 2,880 ft. oak lumber at \$16	\$46 08
O. R. Spalding, labor	26 50
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	\$72 58
Expense of road department grading ...	\$27 21
Appropriation.....	\$4,000 00
Received from C. G. Sargent Sons, for grading	22 71
Received from Abbot Worsted Co., for grading	43 95
Due from Lowell & Fitchburg Street Railway Co....	100 00
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	\$4,166 66
Expended	\$4,095 96
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Balance	\$70 70

BREAKING ROADS.

A. Gardell	\$ 9 65
Elbert H. Flagg	8 70
John Payne.....	5 50
Angus McDonald	25 34
James O'Brien	4 65
Daniel May	1 20
Maurice Daley	2 10
Reuben Salle	2 40
William C. Edwards	20 60
A. J. Blaisdell.....	31 90
R. D. Prescott	2 50
Fred Shorey	18 00
W. F. Prescott	1 50
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	2 60
H. E. Gould	6 40
M. F. Downs.....	3 00
Alexander McDonald	8 00
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	\$154 04

ESTIMATES FOR 1907-1908.

In making these estimates for the amount of money asked for, to be raised or appropriated at the annual meeting, we have placed under the head of each department the amount that is asked for by that department.

SELECTMEN.

Highways	\$4,000 00
Town debts and charges	3,000 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Support of poor	\$3,000 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools	\$6,500 00
For High School purposes	2,200 00
Text books and supplies for schools	700 00

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Books.....	\$150 00
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COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Public burial grounds	\$250 00
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Total number of orders, 387.

Total amount of orders, \$21,063.46.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER.

Selectmen of Westford.

LIST OF JURORS.

The following names will be reported at the annual meeting in March to be placed in the jury box, subject to revision and acceptance by the town:

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Edward M. Abbot,	Clerk.
Joseph Banister,	Machinist.
Charles A. Blodgett,	Farmer.
Hans C. Dege,	Overseer.
Charles Edwards,	Farmer.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
J. Willard Fletcher,	Farmer.
Frank L. Furbush,	Carpenter.
George Q. Gilson,	Machinist.
P. Henry Harrington,	Carpenter.
Frank Healy,	Teamster.
Albert W. Heywood,	Fireman.
Albert A. Hildreth,	Clerk.
George A. Kimball,	Farmer.
Andrew Johnson,	Foreman.
William O. McDonald,	Farmer.
Amos B. Polly,	Farmer.
Nelson L. Prescott,	Farmer.
Henry E. Shorey,	Farmer.
Fred A. Smith,	Bottler.
John Spinner,	Operative.
Thomas O. Sullivan,	Farmer.
Fred A. Sweatt,	Machinist.
George W. Whitney,	Farmer.
John Wilson,	Farmer.
Alfred Woodbury,	Farmer.
J. Everett Woods,	Farmer.
John P. Wright,	Clerk.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,

February 27, 1907.

Selectmen of Westford.

Board of Health.

The Selectmen by law, acting as the Board of Health, respectfully submit the following report from March 1st, 1906 to February 28th, 1907.

The board organized as follows: chairman, Wesley O. Hawkes; agents, Waldo F. Prescott and Wesley O. Hawkes.

The town for the past year has been favored by a general degree of health. When there have been contagious diseases, perhaps we may say they have been so treated that the disease has not gone from home to home, until it became a dread epidemic.

The board are pleased to say that they believe there is an improvement in the sanitary condition in and about the homes, especially in our villages.

Cleanliness is one of the secrets to health. The board would recommend that each family have a barrel placed in their back yard where all garbage may be dumped, not allow such to be thrown out on the surface to decay; and during summer weather, at least once a week, contents of these barrels be removed to the public dump.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

EXPENSES.

Waldo F. Prescott, services as Agent	\$21 00
Expenses	5 90
Falls & Burkinshaw, bill	2 50
Oscar R. Spalding, salary	3 00
Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	5 00
Wesley O. Hawkes, services as Agent	25 00

\$62 40

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC FISHER,
Board of Health.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1907:

The several departments of the Library have been maintained in the same manner and with about the same good results as in other recent years. The total number of books sent by special carrier to Graniteville, Forge Village and Parker-ville is somewhat in excess of the number reported a year ago, while the number carried to Brookside has fallen off. The Trustees' report a year ago called attention to the small circulation at Brookside, and the Librarian's report this year shows that it has since fallen off nearly one-half, namely to 141 volumes for the year. Very few were taken during the latter half of the year, and during several weeks none at all. This has made the average cost of delivering the books at Brookside about eighteen cents per volume. As Brookside will soon be in easy communication with the Library by street cars, we have omitted to ask for an appropriation for carrying books to that village, and have recommended that the usual article in the town warrant call for only seventy-five dollars to be appropriated to distributing books to the other three villages above named.

With the increase of the general circulation the method of charging books to borrowers has become quite unwieldy. Much unnecessary labor is involved both in keeping daily records and in making out annual reports. Hence measures have been taken to introduce a system widely used in libraries of the same size as our own, and even smaller.

The renovation of the interior of the Library a year ago has been a satisfaction to all users of the building. The settees for which the town appropriated money last year have been purchased and placed in the upper hall. This equipment has been fully appreciated, especially by the ladies who have held meetings there every fortnight during the fall and winter. It is the wish of the Trustees and, they believe, of the citizens, to encourage to the full all such appropriate use of the Library, its books, its rooms and all its resources for the promotion of culture and the continuance of the education of our towns people even after the years of school life.

The financial statement shows an unusually large balance on hand. This was caused by the lateness of the return of the dog tax and the desire of the Trustees to keep well within their appropriation, and was not due in the least to any lessening of the needs of the Library. A comparison of the Librarian's reports for 1906 and 1907 will show that the number of books purchased has been less by 184 than it was last year. Therefore it is the intention of the Trustees immediately to expend a large part of this balance for books.

We also recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) be raised and appropriated, in addition to the sum received for dog licenses for 1907, for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year.

CATHARINE A. KEBLER, Chairman,
WALTER C. WRIGHT,
WILLIAM A. PERKINS.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1906	\$374 75
Appropriation	150 00
Library books sold	3 25
Fines paid on books lost	3 48
Dividend from Augustus Fletcher fund	40 00
Dividend from Laws fund	40 00
Dividend from Stone fund	37 84
Dog licenses	426 25
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	\$1,075 57

PAYMENTS.

Old Corner Book Store, books	\$697 26
Kenyon News Co., magazines	62 40
Other magazines	16 50
Courier-Citizen Co., printing	64 00
T. H. Lawler, stationery	2 70
Library Art Club	11 00
M. G. Wight & Co., printing, etc	9 50
Buckland Printing Co., printing	1 75
Smith Book Co.	2 25
Holden Patent Book Cover Co.	2 50
David Farquhar, binding	39 00
B. M. Hutchins, typewriting	1 78
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	\$910 64
Balance on hand	164 93
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	\$1,075 57

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Number of volumes purchased	404
Number of volumes replaced	15
Number of volumes presented	16
Public documents received from the State	10
Public documents received from the U. S.	23
Magazines bound	33
Whole number of volumes added during the year ...	486
Number of volumes lost	2
Whole number of volumes discarded	1
Whole number of volumes in the Library	13,990
Number of pamphlets added	124
Volumes sent to Graniteville	978
Volumes sent to Forge Village	1,266
Volumes sent to Parkerville.....	539
Volumes sent to Brookside	141
Volumes loaned at the Library	7,738
Entire circulation	10,662
Cash on hand from last year	\$1 31
Fines received	6 90
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	\$8 21
Paid for supplies	7 63
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Balance	\$ 58

PERIODICALS SUBSCRIBED FOR.

Harper's Century, Scribner's, Forum, North American Review, Bookman, Atlantic, Popular Science Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Littell's Living Age, McClure's, Library Journal, St. Nicholas, Munsey, New England Birds and Nature, Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Weekly, Success, Annals, Reader's Guide to Periodicals, World's Work.

EXHIBITS OF PICTURES FROM THE LIBRARY ART CLUB.

Hawaii, Yachts, Mexico, Greece, Canterbury, Babies in Art, Rouen, American Parks, Italian Art, (two sets), Alhambra, Amiens, Famous Men, German Sculpture.

GIFTS IN 1906.

Hon. John D. Long, one volume.
Mass. New Church Union, one volume.
Exec. Committee of Jewish Anniversary, one volume.
Geo. Fletcher Proctor, Vermont, one volume.
Miss Ellen A. Kimball, Worcester, one volume.
Warren E. Carlin, two volumes.
E. S. Balch, Philadelphia, one volume.
New England Historical Genealogical Society, eight volumes.
Mrs. George T. Day, one volume of a magazine.
E. M. Raymond, one volume, five pamphlets.
Miss Emma F. Blood, Groton, one pamphlet.
Rev. B. H. Bailey, one pamphlet.
John E. Kimball, one pamphlet.
J. M. Fletcher, one pamphlet, ancient documents.
Mrs. Theodore H. Hamblett, portrait.
Miss Anna Hall, framed picture.
J. Henry Fletcher, Belmont, bedding plants for lawn.
W. H. Burbeck, planting hedge trees on lawn.
W. E. Parsons, old-fashioned apple-parer.
Frank Miller, candle snuffer.
Mrs. Hiram Whitney, woodpecker's nest.
William Carver, specimen from beaver dam.
Mrs. Theodore H. Hamblett, record of Groton Artillery.

CURRENT PERIODICALS GIVEN FOR READING ROOM.

Outlook, Miss Ruth Fisher; Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping, and Congregationalist, Mrs. L. W. Wheeler; Christian Register, The "Woman's Alliance."

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Milk	\$1,094 00	
Thomas Carney, board	108 00	
Elbridge Reed, board	21 20	
Wood	108 10	
Hay	98 41	
Labor	93 50	
Cows	82 12	
Potatoes	81 00	
Building private crossing	40 00	
Calves	25 50	
Cranberries	15 30	
Pork	34 36	
Rent	10 00	
Apples	13 65	
Keeping prisoners	7 00	
Use of bull	7 00	
Eggs	8 69	
Old iron	5 38	
Sacks	2 54	
Use of telephone	2 20	
Use of boat	1 75	
Witness fees	2 00	
Fire Warden	1 95	
E. G. Boynton, as Constable	101 15	
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		\$1,964 80
Cash on hand, Feb. 7, 1906		7 52
Drawn from Town Treasurer		1,035 00
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		\$3,007 32

TOWN FARM PAYMENTS.

E. G. Boynton, salary from Jan. 1, 1906 to Jan. 1, 1907	\$400 00
Mrs. E. G. Boynton, salary as Matron from Jan. 1, 1906 to Jan. 1, 1907 ..	100 00
Groceries	388 03
Grain	482 66
Labor	421 52
Meat.....	133 60
Cows	182 50
Coal	97 18
Butter	74 98
Fertilizer	56 49
Filling silo	57 32
Building silo	67 80
W. J. Sleeper, M. D.	29 35
Cutting wood	25 00
Pigs	21 00
Ice	21 30
Plumbing and steamfitting	28 26
Dry goods	23 37
Hardware	21 23
Mowing machine	35 00
Fish	21 83
Clothing for inmates	22 13
Medical supplies	20 14
Blacksmith and wheelwright work	31 55
Telephone	20 12
Milk refrigerator	25 00
Tobacco	13 37
Lumber	11 28
Seed corn and potatoes.....	14 60
Sundries	9 37
Sawdust.....	9 25
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$2,865 23

Amount brought forward	\$2,865 23	
Car fares	7 70	
Sawing lumber	6 30	
Paint	5 50	
Pasturing cows	5 00	
Harness work	5 97	
Making cider	3 93	
Wallpaper	3 25	
Ensilage cutter	5 00	
Drain pipe	4 00	
Killing hogs	3 00	
Expense to State Farm	6 84	
Manure	4 00	
Ladders	5 40	
Lowell Morning Citizen	3 00	
Repairing sulky plow	2 45	
Filing saws	1 40	
Planting corn	2 00	
Freight	1 90	
Express	1 00	
Fire Warden	1 05	
E. G. Boynton, as Constable	58 86	
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		\$3,002 78
Cash on hand Feb. 12, 1907		4 54
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		\$3,007 32
Cash on hand Feb. 7, 1906	\$ 7 52	
Drawn from Town Treasurer	1,035 00	
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		\$1,042 52
Cash on hand Feb. 12, 1907		4 54
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Net expense at Farm		\$1,037 98

PERSONS SUPPORTED AT THE TOWN FARM.

Name	Age	Admitted
Thomas Carney	About 96.....	Jan. 31, 1877
Varnum T. Fletcher	64.....	Mar. 28, 1901
Asa Dearborn	About 82.....	Apr. 18, 1904
Caroline A. Perham	83.....	Jan. 23, 1894
Mary E. Cowdrey	48.....	Feb. 24, 1900
Sarah J. Ingalls	44.....	Mar. 22, 1905
Number of tramps lodged and fed, 58.		

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid G. E. Gould, burial of Charlotte	
Reed	\$ 25 00
State Hospital bills of George Ruiter	58 00
State Hospital bills of Alice Jackson	110 80
State Hospital bills of Susan McLeod	8 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid to family of	
Ernest Mountain	35 40
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid to Alphonse	
Collins	1 00
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid to Mrs. Le-	
land	\$ 3 00
State Hospital bill of Mrs. Leland ...	14 00
Henry J. Healy, groceries for Mrs. Le-	
land	27 16
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	44 16
City of Boston, aid to George H.	
Simpson.....	2 86
A. H. Burnham, salary as Overseer	
of Poor	10 00
A. R. Choate, salary as Overseer of	
Poor	10 00
L. W. Wheeler, salary as Overseer of	
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Amount carried forward	\$305 22

Amount brought forward	\$ 305 22
Poor	\$10 00
L. W. Wheeler, extra time and expense	15 00
L. W. Wheeler, making report to Town	5 00
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	30 00
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	\$335 22

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from State on account of Willie Dumont	\$16 65
State on account of Marie Dumont	2 50
State for burial of Raymond Baker	10 00
State for burial of Alphonse Dumont	15 00
Brookside Woolen Mills, wages of Joseph Dexter	7 62
Estate of Mrs. Lizzie Vinal	45 18
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	\$96 95
Payments on account of outdoor poor ..	\$ 335 22
Reimbursements	96 95
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Net expense of outdoor poor	\$238 27

STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1,370 22
Cash in hands Master of Almshouse, Feb. 7, 1906	7 52
Cash income of Farm	1,964 80
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	\$3,342 54

Expense of outdoor poor	\$ 335 22	
Payments at Farm	3,002 78	
Cash in hands Master of Almshouse, Feb. 12, 1907	4 54	
	<hr/>	\$3,342 54
Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1,370 22	
Reimbursements	96 95	
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Net draft from Town Treasurer		\$1,273 27
Net expense at Farm	\$1,037 98	
Net expense of outdoor poor	238 27	
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Net expense of poor		\$1,276 25

L. W. WHEELER,

A. H. BURNHAM,

A. R. CHOATE.

Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,
FEBRUARY, 2, 1907.

Groceries	\$ 35 00	
Vegetables.....	25 00	
Pork and hams.....	21 00	
Balance of personal property at house...	632 50	
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		\$713 50
12 cows	\$600 00	
1 bull	20 00	
2 horses	350 00	
3-5 ton oat fodder	7 20	
1½ tons meadow hay	12 00	
22 tons ensilage	110 00	
15 tons English hay	255 00	
4 tons stack hay	48 00	
1 two horse dump cart	50 00	
1 two horse sled	20 00	
3 hay and farm wagons	100 00	
2 Democrat wagons	40 00	
1 double sleigh	18 00	
Wheel and spring tooth harrows	20 00	
1 mowing machine.....	35 00	
Horse rake and tedder	35 00	
Horse power, saw and belt.....	75 00	
Double and single harnesses	50 00	
Balance personal property at barn and outbuildings	508 10	
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		2,353 30
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		\$3,066 80

F. C. WRIGHT,
J. E. WOODS,
H. L. WRIGHT,

Appraisers.

Treasurer's Report.

WESTFORD, MASS., March, 2, 1907.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:—

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand	\$ 6,883 22
To cash borrowed	7,000 00
State corporation tax	8,622 83
State bank tax	553 62
Soldiers' families	736 00
Income Mass. school fund	1,077 50
Burial indigent soldiers	34 00
County Treasurer, dog licenses	426 25
John Feeney, janitor Town Hall	180 50
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	79 60
State, on account Supt. Schools	625 00
Income Library Funds	117 84
State, on account Inspector of Animals	42 50
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1904	254 90
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1905	1,817 73
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector before Oct. 1, 1906 ...	15,459 69
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector before Dec. 1, 1906 ...	1,325 28
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector after Dec. 1, 1906 ...	2,475 82
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest 1904	21 42
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest 1905	39 28
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest 1906	12 75
State on account burial of paupers	25 00
Amount carried forward	00000 00
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\$47,810 73	

Amount brought forward	\$47,810 73
State on account support sick paupers	16 65
B. & M. R. R., forest fires	23 35
Lowell & Fitchburg St. R. R., Town Farm land	250 00
J. W. Fletcher from B. & M. R. R., forest fires	3 00
Joe Wall, auctioneer's license	2 00
Aloon Fisher, auctioneer's license	2 00
State Treasurer, temporary aid	2 50
J. V. Fletcher Library, books sold	3 25
J. V. Fletcher Library, books lost	3 48
Armory rent	175 00
Abbot Worsted Co., $\frac{1}{2}$ expense repairs on bridge....	22 70
Abbot Worsted Co., labor road dept	21 25
Alec Fisher, slaughter house license	1 00
C. T. Sargent, Est., $\frac{1}{2}$ expense repairs on bridge....	22 71
Parkerville school, broken glass	75
W. C. Wright, school supplies sold	42
J. Dexter, on account Overseers Poor	7 62
Edward Fisher, adm., on account Vinal Est.	45 18
W. F. Prescott, sealer weights and measures	19 87
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	\$48,433 46

PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes and interest	\$8,776 31
State tax	2,135 00
County tax	2,123 64
Orders and incidental expenses	21,063 46
Repairs, State Highway	162 30
On account schools	9,393 24
On account Library	910 64
Cash on hand	3,868 87
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	\$48,433 46

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,
Treasurer of Westford.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the Town's accounts for the year ending February 28, 1907 and find that the Cash Books and Ledgers are correctly footed and proper vouchers are on file for the payments. I give below a report of the condition of the different departments.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1904.

To balance to collect March 1, 1906	\$254 90	
Past due interest collected	21 42	
	<hr/>	\$276 32
By taxes collected since March 1, 1906 ..	\$254 90	
Past due interest collectd	21 42	
	<hr/>	\$276 32
Leaving no balance to collect.		

To Debit L. W. Wheeler, Collector; for Year 1905.

To balance to collect March 1, 1906	\$2,011 89	
Additions since, as per Assessor's notices	2 00	
Past due interest collected ...	33 28	
	<hr/>	\$2,053 17
Less abatement since March 1, 1906, as per Assessor's notices	81 60	
	<hr/>	\$1,971 57
By taxes collected since Mar. 1, 1906	1,817 71	
Past due interest collected ..	39 28	
	<hr/>	1,856 99
Balance to collect		<hr/> \$114 58

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1906.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessor's Warrant as follows:

671 polls at 2.00	\$1,342 00	
Personal Estate	5,004 80	
Real Estate	14,772 23	
	<hr/>	\$21,119 03
Additions since issue of Warrant, as per Assessor's notices	\$115 70	
Past due interest collected on taxes paid after Jan. 1, 1907	12 75	
	<hr/>	128 45
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		\$21,247 48

Less abatements for the year, as per Assessor's no- tices	\$381 88	
	<hr/>	\$20,865 60

By net collections to Oct. 1, 1906	\$15,459 69	
5% discount on assessed value of same (\$16,273.35) ...	813 66	
	<hr/>	16,273 35

Net collections for Oct. and Nov. 1906	\$1,325 28	
3% discount on assessed value of same (\$1,366.26)	40 98	
	<hr/>	1,366 26

Net collections from Dec. 1, 1906 to Feb. 20, 1907 ...	\$2,475 82	
Past due interest on taxes paid after Jan. 1, 1907	12 75	
	<hr/>	2,488 57
	<hr/>	20,128 18

Balance to collect		\$ 737 42
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RECAPITULATION.

Uncollected taxes 1905	\$114 58
Uncollected taxes 1906	737 42
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Total amount of uncollected taxes Mar. 1, 1907	\$852 00

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued licenses during the year for		
203 male dogs at \$2.00	\$406 00	
22 female dogs at \$5.00	110 00	
	<hr/>	\$516 00
Less Clerk's fees for 225 licenses at 20c. each		45 00
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and receipted for by him		\$471 00

SELECTMEN.

During the year the Selectmen wrote 387 orders on the Treasurer aggregating \$21,063.46, and a proper voucher is on file for each.

TOWN FARM.

E. G. Boynton, Superintendent.

To balance cash on hand Feb. 1, 1906 ..	\$	7 52	
Receipts from all sources during the year	2,999 80		
	<hr/>		\$3,007 32
By expenditures for the year to Feb. 2, 1907	\$3,002 78		
Balance cash on hand	4 54		
	<hr/>		\$3,007 32

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

L. W. Wheeler, Chairman.

To amount received from the Town Treasurer for the year to Feb. 2, 1907	\$1,370 22
By payments for the year to Feb. 2, 1907	1,370 22

LIBRARY.

N. H. Wright, Treasurer.

To cash on hand March 1, 1906	\$374 75	
Receipts from various sources during the year	700 82	
	<hr/>	\$1,075 57
By expenditures for the year to March 1, 1907	\$910 64	
Cash on hand March 1, 1907	164 93	
	<hr/>	\$1,075 57

TREASURER.

To cash on hand March 1, 1906	\$ 6,883 22	
Receipts from all sources during the year	41,550 24	
	<hr/>	\$48,433 46
By total payments for the year ending March 1, 1907	\$44,564 59	
Cash on hand March 1, 1907	3,868 87	
	<hr/>	\$48,433 46

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

ASSETS.

*Uncollected taxes for 1905	\$ 114 56
Uncollected taxes for 1906	737 42
Due from State Aid (Soldiers' families) ..	704 00
Due for rent of Armory	175 00
Due from Lowell & Fitchburg Street R. R. Co. $\frac{1}{2}$ amount of bills paid, $\frac{1}{2}\%$ widening Main St., Graniteville.....	1,351 68
Due from Lowell & Fitchburg Street R. R. Co. for expense of fixing crossings	100 00
Balance cash on hand with Superin- tendent of Town Farm	4 54
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer ...	3,868 87
	<hr/> \$7,056 07

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on loan for Town's expenses	\$6,000 00
5 months interest on same at 3 1-5% ...	80 00
Due Westford Academy for tuition, bill on file with Treasurer	550 00
	<hr/> 6,630 00
Balance assets over liabilities	<hr/> \$ 426 07

The Auditor would suggest to the Assessors the importance of filing with the Treasurer an exact duplicate of each abatement and reassessment furnished to the Collector. Complications will thus be avoided which are inevitable if this is not strictly adhered to.

W. R. TAYLOR,

Auditor.

*The difference between the uncollected taxes for 1905 on the Treasurer's books and the Collector's books is caused by an overpayment of two cents to the Treasurer.

Assessors' Report.

Value of buildings, exclusive of land, May 1, 1906	\$779,955 00
Value of land, exclusive of buildings, May 1, 1906	453,024 00
Value of personal estate, exclusive of buildings May 1, 1906.....	415,140 00
	\$1,648,119 00

AMOUNTS RAISED.

Repair of roads and bridges	\$3,000 00
Town debts and charges	2,000 00
Public schools	6,500 00
High school purposes.....	1,500 00
Support of poor	1,000 00
Carlisle road	1,000 00
Public library	150 00
State note	1,000 00
	\$16,150 00
State tax	2,135 00
County tax	2,123 64
Highway tax	162 30
Additional tax	32 60
Overlayings.....	548 09
	\$21,151 63
Number of Polls.....	671
Houses	500
Horses	419
Cows	783
Swine	69
Neat Cattle	159
Fowl.....	2,750
Tax on one hundred dollars	\$1 20

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1905

Crook, Nager	\$ 2 00
Curran, William	2 00
Decatur, Joseph	2 00
Duffy, John	2 00
Durneng, William	2 00
Gadowsky, Hildege	2 00
Gorman, Patrick	2 00
Grabosky, Jacob	2 00
Hazlett, William	2 00
Julian, Gabriel	2 00
Kelley, Dennis	2 00
Kelley, John J.	2 00
Kesey, George	2 00
Kivlin, J.	2 00
Larme, Napoleon	2 00
Lounger, George	2 00
LaFore, Peter	2 00
Minchor, John	2 00
Mackey, Thomas	2 00
Martin, Alexander	2 00
Matson, John V. E.	2 00
McCrae, William	2 00
McGilbray, Hugh	2 00
McKey, Patrick	2 00
Moldair, D.	2 00
Moynihan, William	2 00
Orange, Joseph.	2 00
Seymour, Archibald	2 00
Secord, G.	2 00
Soucq, Joseph.	2 00
Strain, Thomas	2 00
Welch, William	2 00
Wilkerson, George H.	2 00

Amount carried forward \$66 00

Amount brought forward	\$66 00
Bell, Archibald	2 00
LaFavre, Peter	2 00
Louringer, George	2 00
Mackey, Thomas	2 00
Marchioni, Carlo	2 00
Jasmine, Paul	3 60
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	\$79 60

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.

1906

Angel, Amos	\$ 2 00
Blanchard, Seth E.	2 00
Clark, C. W., Lowell	2 40
Charlton, Wm. J.	2 00
Collins, Alphonso	2 00
Cummings, Chas. W., veteran	14 00
Dane, Hiram, veteran	14 00
Drew, Herbert	2 00
Gregory, Frank, Littleton	60
Griffith, Burton D., veteran	2 00
Hawley, Daniel, veteran	14 00
Hosmer, Francis	14 00
Humiston, Samuel G.	12 00
Hall, James	7 80
Jasmin, Paul	7 74
Jean, Baptiste	2 00
Lemay, Arthur	2 00
McKey, Patrick	2 00
Martin, Peter	2 00
Mills, Hugh F.	12 00
New England Telephone Co.	60 00
Daley, Mary F.	6 00
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Amount carried forward	\$184 54

Amount brought forward	\$184 54
Prescott, Sophia C., veteran exemption.....	12 00
Pollock, William	2 00
Quinn, Thomas V., veteran	2 00
Reed, Charles W., veteran	14 00
Riney, Timothy A., veteran	2 00
Sullivan, Thomas O., veteran	14 00
Smith, Allen G., Littleton, veteran	60
Sunberg, John	1 80
Tallant, Eben W., veteran	12 00
Tooper, Samuel, veteran	4 80
Patterm, Fred	2 00
Provost, Joseph	2 00
Kelley, Georgiana Mrs.	1 92
Wayne, John	12 56
Ward, Daniel	36
Barnard, Josephine Mrs.	5 40
Fowler, A. L., Lowell, error	2 40
Woods, J. Everett, veteran	14 00
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	\$290 38

SUMMARY.

Abatement of Taxes 1905	\$ 79 00	
Abatement of Taxes 1906	290 38	
	<hr/>	\$369 38

Respectfully submitted,

G. H. HARTFORD,

S. L. TAYLOR,

J. W. FLETCHER,

Assessors of Westford.

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners report as follows:—

Since the last report, eight lots have been placed in the perpetual care of the Town—all of these being in Fairview, and five of them being placed in such care by persons no longer residing here. The whole number at present is forty-nine.

Owing to several causes, the expenses this year have been slightly in excess of the income. The moist weather in the early summer, in contrast to the dryness of several previous years, greatly increased the amount of labor necessary to be done. Some work in connection with the survey made last year, also some extra printing done this year will not occur next year. The printing referred to was three Record Books, so that now, the person having charge of either Cemetery can keep a correct record of the name of every person buried in such Cemetery; the date of death, burial, and also the lot in which the burial is made, thus preventing any difficulty in finding the grave of any one known to have been buried there; such difficulty having arisen some times in former years, owing to the want of care taken in this respect, long ago.

We notice that our decision that all unoccupied lots must be graded within twelve months after the time of taking the lot, has produced good results. C. N. Richardson and W. H. H. Burbeck will give the same faithful care to the several Cemeteries the coming year, as during the past. The Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$250 be raised and appropriated for the coming year, the same to be expended for the care and improvement of the several Cemeteries.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS IN FAIRVIEW.

RESIDENTS.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S., care of tomb	\$ 5 00
Atwood, Mrs. C. M., 195 and 196, E. D.	2 00
Baker, Mrs. John, 330, E. D.	1 00
Barton, Edmund, 40 and 41, W. D.	2 00
Beebe, Mrs. Agnes, 234, E. D.	1 00
Bennett, Joseph, 61, E. D.	1 00
Bicknell, Ai, two lots, Fairview	2 00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L., 333, E. D.	1 00
Bunce, Augustus, 11 and 12, W. D.	2 00
Burnett, William, 37, E. D.	1 00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T., 236, E. D.	1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank, 26, W. D.	1 00
Carkin, Mrs. Clara P., 145 and 338, E. D.	2 00
Carmichael, John B., 345, E. D.	1 00
Carrick, Mrs. Wm., 328, E. D.	1 00
Cannter, Mrs. E., 21, 22 and 326, E. D.	3 00
Chamberlain, C. A., 53, W. D., and two in Fairview, 1905-06	7 00
Collins, P. G., 35, W. D.	1 00
Day, Arthur E., 202, E. D.	1 00
DeRohn, Mrs. Andrew, 232, E. D.	1 00
Drew, F. C., 30, E. D.	1 00
Drew, Henry A., 260, E. D.	1 00
Eaton, Mrs. C. E., 243, E. D.	1 00
Feeney, John, 173, E. D.	5 00
Fletcher, Mrs. C. H., 194, E. D.	1 00
Fletcher, F. L., 83, W. D.	1 00
Fletcher, John M., 197 and 198, E. D. and 76, W. D.	3 00
Fletcher, J. W., 154, E. D.	1 00
Fletcher, S. H., 192, E. D.	5 00
Frost, Mrs. W. E., 17, E. D.	1 00
Gardel, August, 368, E. D.	1 00
Gilson, George Q., 332, E. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$59 00

Amount brought forward	\$59 00
Gilson, L. S., 60 and 75, W. D., 320, E. D.....	3 00
Gower, Wm., 42, E. D.	1 00
Greig, John, 14, W. D.	1 00
Harris, Mrs. C. A., 365, E. D.	1 00
Hawkes, W. O., 112 and 5, W. D.	2 00
Hewett, Miss C. E., 116, W. D.....	1 00
Hildreth, F. A., 42 and 43, W. D.	2 00
Hildreth, Mrs. F. C., Fairview.....	1 00
Healey, Mrs. Ruby, 308, E. D.	5 00
Hosmer, Francis, 325, E. D.	1 00
Humiston, E. F., 136 and 142, E. D.	2 00
Hunt, Edmund J., 367, E. D.	1 00
Isles, Mrs. Joseph D., 228, E. D.	5 00
Jenne, Albert E., 310, E. D.	1 00
Johnson, Andrew, 158, E. D.....	1 00
Johnson, W. W., 227, E. D.....	5 00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A., 39, E. D.....	1 00
Longbottom, Mrs. Arthur, 249, E. D.	1 00
Luce, Miss R. E., Fairview	1 00
Miller, F. E., 241, E. D. and 36, W. D.	2 00
Millis, George F., 57, W. D.	1 00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh, 261, E. D.	5 00
Morton, F., 331, E. D.	1 00
Orange, Joseph, 48, E. D.	1 00
Orr, Robert, 312, E. D.	1 00
Precious, Miss Sarah, 47, E. D.	1 00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A., Fairview	1 00
Prinn, Alfred, 67, W. D.....	1 00
Richardson, Miss Sarah, two lots, 1905-06	4 00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H., 322, E. D.	1 00
Shaw, Miss M. C., 355, E. D.	1 00
Smith, Miss Clara A., 95, W. D.	1 00
Stewart, James, 138, E. D.	1 00
Symmes, Thomas E., two lots Fairview	2 00
Taylor, Albert D., 258, E. D. and 86, W. D.	4 00

Amount carried forward \$123 00

Amount brought forward	\$123 00
Taylor, S. L., 191, W. D. and one in Fairview, 1905-06	4 00
Tuttle, Mrs. N. L., 7 and 8, E. D.	1 00
Walkden, J. A., 155, E. D.	1 00
Welch, Wm., 18, E. D.	1 00
Wheeler, Mrs. M. J., 77, W. D.	1 00
Whidden, C. E., Whiting lot	2 00
Whigham, Wm., 54, E. D.	1 00
White, Wm., 96, W. D.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. G. H., 159, E. D.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. Hiram, 100, W. D.	1 00
Willis, Samuel, 20, W. D.	4 00
Wood, Henry O., 309, E. D.	1 00
Woodbury, Alfred, 311, E. D.	1 00
Woods, Myron J., 155, E. D.	1 00
Woods, Wm. L., 148, E. D.	1 00
Wright, Andrew S., 28 and 29, W. D.	2 00
Wright, F. C., 59, E. D.	1 00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E., 25, E. D.	1 00
Wright, N. H., 46 and 47, W. D.	2 00
Wright, Mrs. W. M., 24, E. D.	1 00

WESTLAWN.

\$152 00

Melbourn F. Hutchins	\$ 1 00
George T. Day, for Day lot	2 00
Miss Ida L. Prescott, Milford, for Samuel Prescott lot	1 00
Mrs. A. R. Leighton, Hollis N. H.	1 00

5 00

HILLSIDE.

C. H. Follansbee	1 00
Mrs. I. S. Worcester, for James Wright lot	1 00
Mrs. I. S. Worcester, for Hezekiah Cum- ings lot	1 00

3 00

Amount carried forward.....

\$160 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Amount brought forward	\$160 00
Abbot, Miss L. M. B., Groton, Fairview	1 00
Amission, Fred, Dedham, 334, E. D.	1 00
Brigham, Mrs. G. A., Charlestown, 106 and 107 W. D.	2 00
Butterfield, Mrs. S. A., Ayer, 334, E. D., one in Fairview	2 00
Carpenter, Eugene, Newton, 336, E. D.	1 00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L., Lowell, 63, W. D.	1 00
Davie, Wm. M., North Chelmsford, 32, W. D.	1 00
Davis, Miss Alice L., Somerville, 10, W. D.	1 00
Decatur, Burt W., Springfield, 64, W. D.	1 00
Dix, Mrs. Henry, Charlestown, 327, E. D.	1 00
Dupee, Mrs. E. F., So. Chelmsford, 193 and 204, E. D.	10 00
Edwards, Mrs. George, Lowell, 71, W. D.	3 00
Edwards, Mrs. W. P., Brooklyn, N. Y., 66, E. D.	1 00
Fisher, F. A., 110, W. D.	1 00
Felch, Mrs. A. M., Littleton Common, 257, E. D. ...	1 00
Fletcher, Mrs. Lutey J., Arlington, 92, W. D.	1 00
Folland, L. S., Manchester, N. H., 22 and 23, W. D. .	2 00
Green, Mrs. S. E., Lowell, Fairview	1 00
Hamlin, George P., Boston, 111, W. D.	1 00
Harris, George E., West Hanover, 27, W. D.	1 00
Heywood, Edwin E., Arlington Heights, 337, E. D.	1 00
Hindle, Frank, Philadelphia, Pa., 336, E. D.	1 00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C., Cambridge, 115, W. D. ...	1 00
Holt, Mrs. E. H., Lowell, 39, W. D.	1 00
Horne, George F., Somerville, 16, E. D.	1 00
Hunt, George W., Lowell, 341, E. D.	1 00
Hunt, Mrs. James, East Pepperell, 53, E. D.	1 00
Hutchins, S. M., Lowell, 54, W. D.	1 00
Johnson, Miss A. L., Tyngsboro, 60, E. D.	1 00
King, Mrs. A. M., Portland, Ore., 21, W. D. one in Fairview	2 00
Laws, Mrs. J. H., Somerville, 114, W. D.	1 00
Longley, Albert W., Chicago, Ill., lot in Fairview ..	4 00
Lord, Miss Drusilla, Lowell, 33, E. D.	1 00
Amount carried forward	\$211 00

Amount brought forward	\$211 00
Moore, George C., No. Chelmsford, 343, E. D.	2 00
Osgood, John M., Racine, Wis., 6, E. D.	1 00
Palmer, Mrs. H. M., Derry, N. H., 229, E. D.	1 00
Parker & Buxton, Lowell, 365, E. D. one in Fair- view	2 00
Parker, O. A., Waltham, Fairview	1 00
Peck, Mrs. S. E., Elizabeth, N. J., 94, W. D.	1 00
Petterick, Wm. H., Leominster, 339, E. D., 1905-06 ..	2 00
Read, Miss Carrie E., Barre, Fairview	1 00
Reed, George G., Lowell, 70, W. D.	1 00
Richardson, M. T., New York City, Fairview.	1 00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K., No. Chelmsford, 2, E. D.	1 00
Sargent, Mrs. Nancy, Brookline, N. H., 59, W. D. ..	1 00
Saville, Wm., Boston, Fairview	1 00
Scrutton, Mrs. George, Lowell, 375, E. D.	1 00
Searles, Mrs. C. J., 66, W. D.	1 00
Smith, Allen G., Littleton, 90, W. D.	1 00
Snow, George F., West Chelmsford, Fairview	1 00
Snow, Salmon L., West Chelmsford, 89, W. D.	1 00
Spaulding, J. F., Lowell, 346, E. D.	1 00
Stancomb, Richard, Leominster, 340, E. D.	1 00
Stiles, F. O., Littleton, 41, E. D.	1 00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie M., Boston, 254, E. D.	1 00
Trumbull, Mrs. S. H., Beverly, Fairview.	1 00
Wheeler, Isaac G., Allston, 105, W. D.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. E. J., Littleton Common, 28 and 29, E. D.	2 00
Willis, Wm. T., Lowell, 19, E. D.	1 00
Wilson, Mrs. Alexander, Bath, Me., 55, E. D.	1 00
Wright, A. A., Hudson, 34, W. D.	1 00
Wyman, George W., Camden, N. J., 376, E. D.	1 00

 \$244 00

EXPENSES.

FAIRVIEW.

Paid C. N. Richardson and others, for labor	\$224 40	
W. H. Johnson, for labor	166 00	
D. H. Waller, for loam	5 00	
Wright & Fletcher, for 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons fertilizer for 1907	85 50	
For one hoe	40	
For lawn mower	3 00	
For oil, files, etc	75	
T. E. Symmes, for staking out lots ..	1 25	
	<hr/>	\$486 30

WESTLAWN.

Paid W. H. H. Burbeck for care of cemetery	\$12 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck for care of lots, as per bill	19 00	
Wright & Fletcher for 400 lbs. fertilizer for 1907	7 60	
G. T. Day, for painting and bronzing markers for soldiers graves, including paints	3 00	
	<hr/>	41 60

HILLSIDE.

Paid W. H. H. Burbeck for care of cemetery	\$10 00	
W. H. H. Burbeck for care of lots, as per bill	5 00	
Wright & Fletcher for 100 lbs. fertilizer for 1907	1 90	
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Amounts carried forward	16 90	\$527 90

Amounts brought forward	\$16 90	\$527 90
T. E. Symmes for lettering and setting stakes, etc.....	5 25	
For chains bought to replace those stolen	1 00	
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GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Wright & Fletcher for stamps, envelopes and postal cards for notifying owners of burial lots, etc.	\$ 7 19	
Courier-Citizen Co. for printing record books	9 00	
Courier-Citizen Co. for printing on stamped envelopes, plain envelopes and card notices.....	4 75	
Express charges	85	
	<hr/>	21 79
Amount expended		\$572 84
Amount appropriated by the town.....	\$200 00	
Amount received for care of lots	244 00	
Amount received from perpetual care fund	85 75	
Unexpended balance last year.....	40 84	
	<hr/>	570 59
Balance due in excess of receipts....		\$ 2 25

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME.	CEMETERY.	FUND.
J. W. P. Abbot	Fairview	\$100 00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50 00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100 00
Francis Caldwell	"	50 00
John Carmichael	"	50 00
George Davis	"	50 00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100 00
Cephas Drew	"	50 00
George Drew	"	50 00
Edmund F. Dupee	"	50 00
Rachel Dupee	"	50 00
Wm. Z. Dupee	"	50 00
Daniel Falls	"	50 00
Abijah Fletcher	"	50 00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100 00
Charles H. Fletcher	"	50 00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	"	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn	50 00
Joseph B. Griffin	Fairview	100 00
Theodore H. Hamblett	"	50 00
C. & C. A. Hamlin	"	100 00
M. Hennessey	"	50 00
Henry Herrick	Westlawn	100 00
Samuel Horne	Fairview	50 00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake	Westlawn	100 00
Edwin D. Metcalf	Fairview	50 00
James M. Parker	"	50 00
Fletcher Peckens	"	50 00
Prescott & Babbitt	"	100 00
Charles H. Prescott	Westlawn	100 00
Joseph H. Prescott	"	50 00

Amount carried forward \$2,100 00

Amount brought forward		\$2,100 00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott	"	50 00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside	100 00
Polly Quigg	Fairview	50 00
Abijah C. Reed	"	50 00
Anan Reed	Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed	"	100 00
Sarah E. Richardson	Fairview	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50 00
Levi Snow	"	100 00
Salmon L. Snow	"	100 00
Sarah E. P. Wells	Westlawn	100 00
Clara M. Wiley	Fairview	100 00
Luther Wilkins	"	75 00
John Wilson	"	50 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn	50 00
Varnum B. Wright	Fairview	25 00
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		\$3,250 00

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, Chairman,
 GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary,
 Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County:

Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" All on one ballot.
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.

- 5th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for High School purposes.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 18th. To raise and appropriate money for the alteration of the Carlisle Road, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and act in relation to the same.

- 19th. To hear the report of the Selectmen in regard to, and see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money to improve the sanitary conditions of the Town Hall, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars (\$100) for improving the Common, and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will appropriate money for providing additional snow rollers, to be purchased under the direction of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to rearrange the voting precincts by the addition of one more precinct, to be established at Forge Village, as provided in the Revised Laws, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will vote to change the time of holding its annual meeting, from the third Monday in March to the fourth Saturday in March, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will accept a legacy of fifty dollars under the will of the late Anna Richardson, to be held in trust, in accordance with the provisions of Section eighteen of Chapter seventy-eight of the Revised Laws, the income to be used for the care of the family burial lot of the late Ira G. Richardson, in Fairview Cemetery in this Town, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to install, during the current year, a system of lighting in the Town Hall, and act in relation to the same.

- 26th. To see if the Town will vote to install and maintain four gasoline arc lights in each of the three villages of Granite ville, Forge Village, and Westford Centre, and act in relation to the same.
- 27th. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate money for the repair of school houses, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see if the Town will appropriate money for graduation purposes at Westford Academy, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money for medical inspection in the public schools, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To see if the Town, in accordance with the suggestion of the School Committee, will vote to diminish the present number of this Committee to three members, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. To see what action the Town will take in regard to remedying the present condition of the Centre School house, and act in relation to the same.
- 32nd. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money for the purchase of apparatus for protection against fire, and to construct a building to house the same at Brookside, and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. To see what action the Town will take in regard to granting to the Westford Water Company the right to construct a water tower on a portion of the Town Farm, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To see what action the Town will take in regard to making an appropriation for protection against fire, and installing a system of hydrants, and act in relation to the same.

- 35th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.
- 36th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.
- 37th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 38th. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 39th. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the town will appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 40th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year; also in such other matters which may arise, requiring in their judgment the action of such agents, and act in relation to the same.
- 41st. To see if the Town will appropriate two hundred dollars, (\$200) for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law and act in relation to the same.

- 42nd. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in town, and act in relation to the same.
- 43rd. To see if the Town will vote to alter or change the location of the Nabnassett School House, and act in relation to the same.

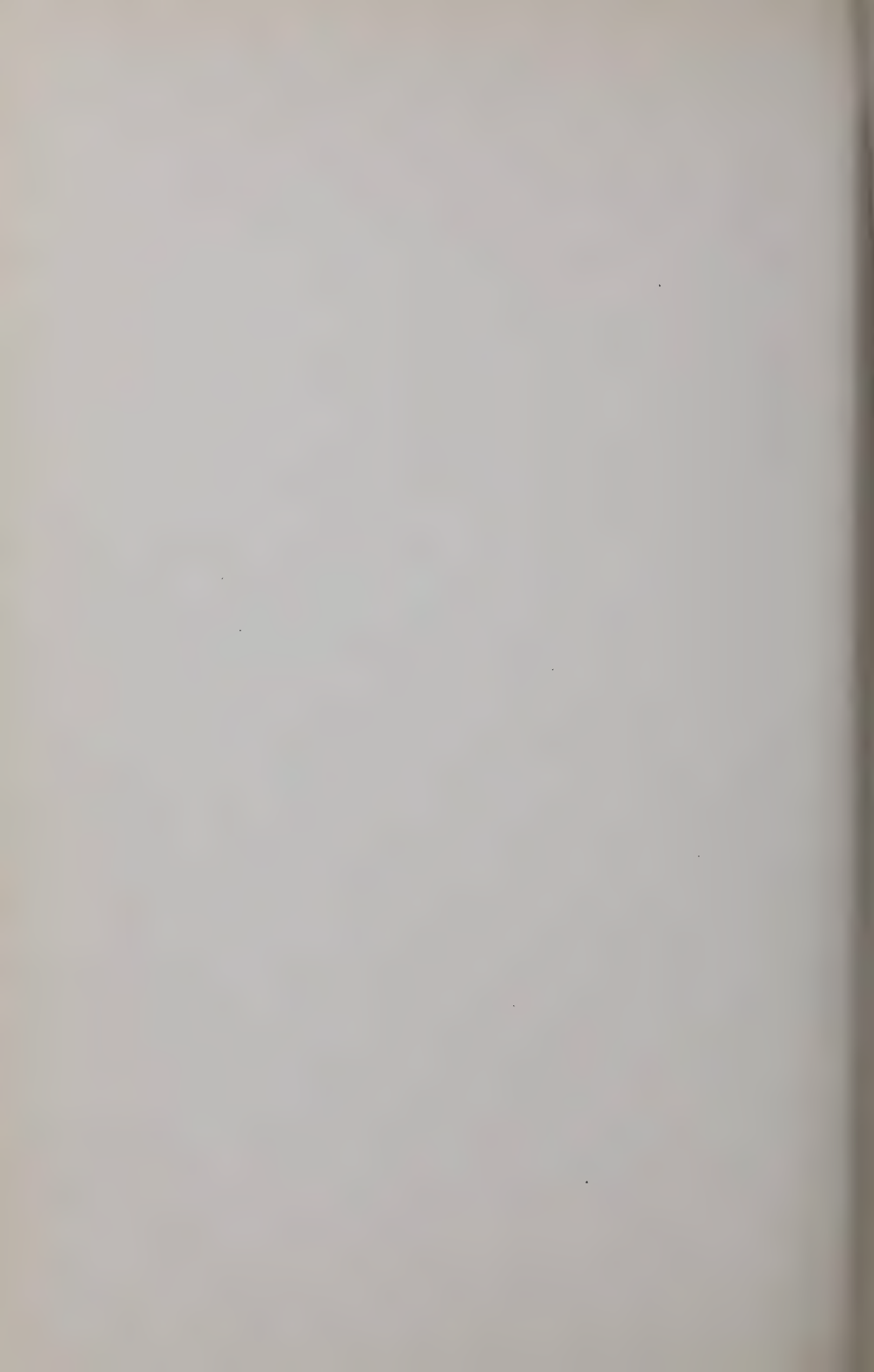
And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this Twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seven.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
ALEC. FISHER,

Selectmen of Westford.



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1907



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1906-1907.

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman	. .	Term Expires 1907.
JOHN C. ABBOT	. .	Term Expires 1907.
ARTHUR E. WILSON	. .	Term Expires 1908.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary	. .	Term Expires 1908.
HOMER M. SEAVEY	. .	Term Expires 1909.
CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN	. .	Term Expires 1909.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ARTHUR B. WEBBER, Residence, Littleton, Mass.

ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1906.

ALBERT R. CHOATE	Chairman.
WALTER C. WRIGHT	Secretary.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

ASSIGNMENT OF SCHOOLS.

JOHN C. ABBOT—High, 8th and 9th Grades and Center Schools.
 ARTHUR E. WILSON—Parkerville, Minot's Corner, Nashoba,
 and High.
 CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN—High and Forge Village Schools.
 ALBERT R. CHOATE—Graniteville and Nabnasset.
 WALTER C. WRIGHT—Graniteville and Stony Brook School.

Report of the School Committee.

We herewith submit the report of the School Board for the past year, together with those of the Superintendent of Schools, Supervisor of Music and Drawing, and Principal of Westford Academy. Early in the year Mr. Herbert E. Richardson resigned his position as superintendent of schools to accept the same position in the Ayer Schools, thus making it necessary to elect a new superintendent for the district. The joint school boards of the three towns of Acton, Littleton and Westford which comprise the school district, met in Acton and elected Mr. Edgar L. Willard of Scituate as superintendent, who after serving a short time also resigned to take the superintendency of the Newburyport schools. The three boards met again, this time in Littleton, and Mr. Arthur B. Webber of Ashfield was chosen.

Since his election Mr. Webber has faithfully performed his duties as superintendent, and we think that the schools have made good progress under his direction.

NEW HEATING AND VENTILATING APPARATUS.

A communication was received from the inspector of factories and public buildings, stating that the heating, ventilating and sanitary system of the Graniteville school building were very defective and unsatisfactory, and that new and approved systems must be installed. Also a fire escape must be provided for the building. The heating and ventilating system installed is the Fuller & Warren system, which is a combination of furnace and steam. It has had a good trial during the recent cold weather and has done its work well. It was found too, that the chimney would not be large enough to furnish draft for the

new apparatus, so the old chimney was taken down and a new and safe one built. A pipe was laid from the well in the school yard to supply the steam boiler and the building with water. The fire escape is an enclosed wooden stairway on the back of the building, opening into each of the upper rooms. Nothing has been done in regard to the sanitary system as required by the inspector, but it must be attended to this summer.

TRANSPORTATION.

Owing to the small number of pupils attending the Nashoba School, it was thought best by your committee to close that school and transport the children to the Minot's Corner School, which was accordingly done, with beneficial results we believe in every way.

MEDICAL INSPECTION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

By an act of the legislature of 1906, Chapter 502 which provides that every city and town in the commonwealth shall appoint one or more school physicians, it became necessary to appoint such an officer. Dr. Cyril A. Blaney was appointed to that position, to serve without pay until an appropriation could be secured for that purpose.

MORE ADEQUATE BUILDINGS NEEDED.

The demands upon the town for more adequate buildings in the next few years will be considerable. We suggest taking these matters up as early as possible, and doing part each year till the desired end is accomplished. The past year the Graniteville building has been put into first-class condition, as will be seen by our report, and with the completion of the sanitary changes nothing will be needed there for some years, save general repairs.

We must next turn to the Centre School. The matter of a new building there or radical changes in the present antique structure can not longer be disregarded. The following letter has recently been received from the state inspector of public buildings.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 14, 1907.

MR. ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman School Committee,
Westford, Mass.

SIR:

In compliance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Commonwealth relating to the inspection of factories and public buildings, on the eighth day of February, 1907, I inspected the Centre Grammar School Building of Westford, and you are hereby notified that this building is in a very dangerous condition as to means of exit in case of fire, as there is but one means of escape from the second story, the furnace being under this exit, or nearly so. Also wooden air ducts are used to convey air to the furnace, which is in violation to State Law, Section 23, Chapter 104, Revised Laws.

The building also needs a system of ventilation and better means of heating. Also new floors should be supplied, as the ones in use are in very bad condition. In fact, I should advise a new building, as the existing one is far behind the times.

Respectfully,

CHAS. E. BURFITT,
Inspector of Factories and Public Buildings.

This means immediate action, and we ask your consideration of Article number 31 which we have caused to be inserted in the warrant for our annual town meeting. "Behind the times," unsanitary, dangerous! Can we afford to oblige the pupils of the town to submit to such conditions? We cannot, and what is more we may not, the state has attended to that, and we only regret that we have had to have our schoolhouse cleaning come as an enforced suggestion from the outside.

Again, we call the attention of our citizens to the growing importance of the Nabnassett School. This district includes not only the village of Brookside, but also that part of the village of West Chelmsford known as Westford Corner, together with the section around the quarries of Messrs. H. E. Fletcher & Co., a growing district, and one in which the comparative completeness and efficiency of the West Chelmsford graded

school reflects something of discredit upon ours. The location of our building is most unfortunate. It is literally in the woods and about half a mile from the nearest family,—the question of janitor service, even, being one of especial difficulty and expense. We would recommend the establishment of a graded school in an adequate, up-to-date building of easier access to Brookside and Westford Corner where the needs of the children of this district could be better served. We would suggest too, the advisability of combining with this the Stony Brook School, transporting the pupils, to the end that a practical graded school might result. Under present conditions regular attendance, especially during the winter term, is well nigh impossible. It is hard too, to secure teachers of high efficiency for ungraded schools, and it will be readily seen that conditions here are such that only teachers of unusual ability can succeed. This work should be undertaken another year. Temporary relief could be obtained in part by moving the present building nearer Brookside. This could be done with so little expense that we advise its being done, and then without doubt with proper attention paid to the selection of teachers the new building might not be required for some years.

Following upon this will come the needs of the Forge School. Crowded at present with three teachers working in two rooms, the seating capacity of the building will soon be overtaxed. Forge is increasing in population, and we shall soon be obliged to find room for a larger enrollment.

These things must be borne in mind, and they are the most important matters the Town will have to consider for the next few years. The "little red schoolhouse" days are gone by, and these days demand more for our boys and girls than did those days. And we have more children and less home instruction. Life and living are more complex, competition is keener, and the well rounded education and the well founded character are becoming more and more essential to success in life. These foundation stones are what the public schools of today are aiming to supply. Think of these things. Consider the welfare of our children.

ACADEMY GRADUATION.

All the sentiment, all the traditions, all the prestige of its century of influential existence have come to the Town with the practical control of Westford Academy. Its funds are contributing to the welfare of the Town, and while its trustees have become inactive as regards the conduct of the school, it is and should be the aim of your committee to preserve and retain all the customs which have contributed in the past to make the school successful, and to foster a proper institutional spirit among the students and alumni,—a spirit of pride and devotion to their Alma Mater. To many of the students the completion of a course in our time-honored Academy means that the preparation for life work is completed, and such sentiment as clusters about the graduation day exercises, is seized upon and treasured through many a useful life. How many who read this report will call to mind the scenes of their respective graduation days, forgetting perhaps what part they had to perform on the programme, but mindful of much that others greater than they said and did on that occasion, and grateful for the personal influence of wise teachers and the bounty of generous trustees, they point with pride to the diploma of the ancient institution which bears perhaps, the name of our beloved ex-Governor, John D. Long, and which possibly, was received with a cordial grasp of his gracious hand.

The funds of the Academy are no longer available for graduation purposes. It does not seem right for the Town to let these pleasant customs pass away. The influence of great men, the recognition of faithful work in the Academy, the sentiment of the good dinner given for many years to the graduating class, all mean too much to be thoughtlessly cast aside. If these exercises are to continue, if we are to invite the great and wise to speak to our young people on these graduation days, the Town must extend its hospitality to them, and it must defray the expenses of carrying out a creditable programme. We ask your most earnest consideration of Article 28 in the warrant for town meeting.

A PLEA FOR THREE MEMBERS ON THE SCHOOL BOARD.

We believe that the efficiency of the School Board could be strengthened by the adoption of the policy obtaining on the other boards of officers in the Town of Westford. You have three Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, etc., a good efficient working number, as these boards can testify. We believe a school board of three members desirable for obvious reasons, chief among which is the greater ease and dispatch with which business could be conducted. Most of our sister towns have adopted this plan, and good work is being done. We invite your consideration of Article 30 which we have incorporated in the warrant for town meeting. Of course this change cannot be made this year, but by electing one member each year subsequently, your board would be on a more practical working basis at the end of three years.

Approved by the Committee:

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman,
JOHN C. ABBOT,
CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN,
HOMER M. SEAVEY,
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON,
WALTER C. WRIGHT.

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....	\$600 00	
Amount expended	589 60	
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Balance unexpended		\$ 10 40

EXPENSE OF SUPERVISION.

Salary paid by Town	\$800 00	
Rebate from State	625 00	
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Net cost to Town.....		\$175 00

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED.

Schools	\$6,500 00	
For High School purposes	2,200 00	
Text books and supplies	700 00	
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		\$9,400 00

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED.

High School	\$87 23	
Centre, Three Schools	96 89	
Graniteville, Four Schools	94 46	
Forge Village, Two Schools	81 89	
Stony Brook	37 88	
Nabnasset	53 04	
Minot's Corner	51 94	
Parkerville	31 76	
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		\$535 09

TRUANT OFFICERS' REPORT.

Number of Cases Investigated.....	34
Number brought to Trial	none

JOHN A. HEALEY,
E. G. BOYNTON,
S. H. BALCH,

Truant Officers.

Financial Statement.

INCOME.

Balance unexpended from 1905	\$ 139 15
Appropriation, schools	6,500 00
Appropriation, High School	2,200 00
From State on account Supt. of Schools..	625 00
Income from Mass. School Fund.....	1,077 50
	<hr/> \$10,541 65

EXPENDED.

Tuition of scholars at High School	\$1,650 00
Teachers	5,596 76
Fuel	590 81
Janitor service, cleaning, etc	534 07
Transporting scholars	922 60
Tuition of our pupil, 8th grade, Town of Chelmsford	19 00
	<hr/> 9,313 24
Balance unexpended	<hr/> \$ 228 41

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee:

Herewith I submit the fourteenth annual report of the Superintendent of Schools.

This year being my first in the field must of necessity be largely spent on getting in touch with the work and learning the needs of the field. In the half year which has elapsed certain points of strength and certain weaknesses have manifested themselves. The main points attacked have been arithmetic and reading. There seems to be a general backwardness in the reading and language work which I attribute to the fact that the classes have been without basal text books in the grades. Upon this point I must differ radically with my predecessor. I do not believe that satisfactory work can be secured from children below the ninth grade without a uniform text to which the child shall be held, making use also of all the reference works available. The mind of the child in the grades is in need of discipline, and the habit of study along definite lines, and of definite facts, must be insisted upon. In cases where I have followed the method of using many texts with a lower grade, the result has invariably been that the child hung upon the teacher, and failed to become an independent worker. This is very manifest in the seventh grade work, and in many of the grades above. That the work may be strengthened in this line I would urge that each child be furnished basal texts in arithmetic, language, geography and history. In the majority of schools geography has already been put upon this footing.

The general organization of the schools I have found to be in excellent running order, and the spirit shown by both pupils and teachers is most commendable. The attendance is in too many cases not what it should be. There is a tendency among

parents to feel that the absence of a child once a week is not of great importance. While realizing that there are times when the older children are a virtual necessity as helpers in the work of the home, I wish to emphasize especially the claim of the school to regular and unbroken attendance. The child has little enough schooling at best, and certainly only the most extreme necessity should be allowed to deprive him of his just dues.

Inasmuch as the school is a community, the training school for life, it behooves us to seek to inculcate in the pupils the principles of honesty, truthfulness, reverence, cleanliness, industry, a respect for the rights of others, as well as the common school branches. Here it is that the child must learn the principles of punctuality, perseverance, honor and application to the task at hand. Unless he makes school work his business, and enters upon it with just that regularity and purposeful determination that mark the successful business man in his daily work, just so surely will he fail to meet the demands of his later life.

A system of medial writing has been introduced, in the hope that the more thorough teaching entailed by the use of copy books will produce a more satisfactory result. The medial system was chosen as productive of a speedier and more easily acquired handwriting, and in response to a demand from business men that vertical writing be discarded.

The new education, which to some seems to include certain "fads" is the logical outcome of changed conditions of society. The purpose of education is no longer the mere cramming of the mind with facts, and the ability in narrow lines of the fundamentals—life today is far more complex, even for the child, than it was twenty years ago. The average boy leaving school today comes face to face with the need for greater mental alertness and a finer sense of perception than did his equal of a generation back. The great cry today is for a mechanical, or industrial training, not to fit the child for a trade, but to so round out the character that it is a unity. The older methods of instruction unquestionably produced good results, yet, as we readily see by our own experience, they failed to make the average pupil master of what he was taught. Modern psychology teaches that every sensation creates an impulse within the brain which seeks an outlet through

motor activity. If this tendency to produce something be curbed, and the child be given no opportunity to express the awakening of the mind through action there is a distinct loss. This repeated leads to a mental laziness which is to be deplored.

In some of our schools there is an unorganized effort to furnish this training, and much of the work observed is commendable. It should, however, be made more systematic and present a more continuous development.

The teaching force has been subject to the usual changes, but upon the whole, we have been fortunate in securing able and enthusiastic teachers. They are to be commended for the willingness and earnestness with which they have undertaken work suggested, which was along lines new to many of them.

A most important factor in promoting the welfare of the schools is the continuance of a teacher in the same place. I quote from Hon. W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of Maine: "The value of what a teacher does depends on what she is; her personality teaches more than her words. Unless she helps to develop in the children worthy motives and ennobling ideals, she is a failure. The desire to be useful is worth more than glib recitations; the thirst for knowledge more to be coveted than high ranks; a love for the best in literature and art is more fruitful than class honors, and the wish to do right, because it is right, is more blessed than fantastic diplomas. The work of the school is to give such instruction, furnish such stimulus, and form such habits as will help the child to be prompt to do justice, and alert in responding to the best that is within him."

The teacher who is worthy of the name, puts herself in touch with her pupils and their home environment at the earliest possible moment. Until she knows what influences in the home and in the community are helpful and what are hindrances she cannot do her best for her school, hence, frequent changes are disastrous both to the schools and to the teachers. The schools suffer because of the loss of an influence potent for good; the teachers, because such an influence is not easily gained. "Good reputations are not easily or quickly made."

"Education at every stage of life consists of two processes; the training of powers and the acquisition of knowledge." The mere accumulation of facts should be of the least importance. The development of power, of self-control and initiative should be the leading aim in all our school work. It is here I find the greatest lack. Certain tests now underway show a good knowledge of fact, but a deficiency in thought power. The teachers are alive to the situation and signs of an awakening are apparent. In all branches this change is to be looked for. The relation of school to daily life is essential to the maintenance of interest.

Teachers' meetings for the district have been held once each term. At Littleton the subject chosen for discussion was Medial Writing, and at Westford, Miss Mary Lang, the able instructor in Psychology at the Hyannis Summer School, and formerly of the Oswego Normal School, gave a most helpful and suggestive talk upon Interest. Groups of the teachers are meeting monthly for reading and study along lines of professional growth. No teacher can stand still, and the increase of salary should be based upon a teacher's growth, not upon length of service.

The school at Nabnasset has been materially strengthened, and the work is progressing well. The location of the building seems unfortunate in view of the center of population and a change to Brookside would aid the children.

In consideration of the state of ventilation at the Center School it would seem wiser for the town to build a suitable building there—bring Nabnasset and Stony Brook in on the trolley, and the other outlying schools by barge—securing in this way a well graded system of two grades to a room. In this way we should be able to give superior advantage to the children now in the ungraded schools, retain better teachers for longer periods, and be at no greater expense for maintenance.

The improvements at Graniteville have made a marked change in the atmosphere of the rooms and the mental results ought to show decided improvement.

The problem of caring for the older children of foreign parentage entering without a knowledge of English is one which deserves our attention. As the large majority of these children

come to us at Forge Village and Graniteville, it would seem wise to group them in one class, irrespective of their district and allow the assistant to give special attention to them.

While these children appear to the casual observer to learn to read quite as well as the average English speaking child it is quite apparent to the close observer that they are not reading at all in the true sense of the word. They fail to make the words which they utter a true part of their vocabulary. Their reading is stilted and expressionless, and often they are considered stupid, immature and ungainly. They are seldom really so, but are naturally quick to learn as shown by the fact that they readily acquire a conversational knowledge of two languages in less time than the average high school pupil.

If these pupils were put by themselves, under a teacher in sympathy with them, the teaching made objective and conducted in such a way that every word becomes a part of the child's thought, giving freedom of speech and of motion, a thing which cannot well be done if these children are classed with the English speaking children of the same grade—then I am confident they would keep pace with children of their own grade, and many cases work ahead.

Drawing and Music.

After many attempts to secure a supervisor of music it seemed wise, in view of the fact that no systematic work had been done in drawing, to choose a supervisor for both music and drawing. As many of the teachers were apparently well able to look after the music with a minimum of supervision, the new supervisor has given a major part of her time to establishing the work in drawing. In consideration of the fact that the work was wholly unorganized the results are most satisfactory. It is to be hoped that the time may come soon when a supervisor of each subject may be secured. To get over the territory within the time allows but one-half an hour in the majority of schools, which is a meagre period in which to give much instruction. For more detailed information upon these subjects I refer you to the report of the supervisor.

To Superintendent Arthur B. Webber:

Dear Sir:—Since beginning my work in your schools, I have been very much encouraged by the spirit of enthusiasm with which the pupils have taken hold of the work in drawing, and also by the kind co-operation of the grade teachers.

The aim of teaching drawing is to develop the mind of the child through the eye as well as through the hand. He is taught to appreciate all the beautiful and true there is in life, and is led to a keener perception of details.

There are three branches or kinds of drawing: Pictorial, Structural and Decorative.

Under the first topic come plant drawing, perspective, landscape sketching, animal and pose sketching and picture study. Through these studies the child gains an appreciation of beauty in nature, accuracy of observation and skill in drawing what he sees.

The second topic is a science of facts. This trains the child in accuracy and he studies geometric problems and becomes acquainted with the work-shop and the limitations of different materials, in order that he may make practical structural designs.

In the field of decoration is the study of color theory, through which the child gains an appreciation and enjoyment of color in nature, good taste in the practical things of life and a gradual development of a refined color perception. In order to make good designs the pupils are referred to the ancient schools, where purity and simplicity of form may be found, which will have an influence in cultivating good taste and will later develop originality and individual power.

Two half-hour lessons a week are given in all schools, excepting the High, which has one forty-minute period. All the teachers are furnished with the Supervisor's outline, so that the work may continue without any interruptions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LOUISE LONG,
Supervisor of Drawing.

Littleton, Jan. 16, '07.

To Superintendent Arthur B. Webber:

Dear Sir:—Beethoven has said that, "Music is a higher manifestation than all wisdom and philosophy." If this is so, music is worthy of one of the most important places in the school curriculum.

There are two essential things to be considered in the musical education of the child; first: the cultivation of the musical sense—the appreciation and love of music; second: the development of the understanding in the elements of music—the ability to read at sight, etc.

These two branches should go hand in hand, being introduced in a very simple way in the first grade, and increasing in difficulty as the child advances.

In the beginning of the first school year, an interest in music is developed by means of rote songs; later, the pupil studies the representation of music from the board and when this is mastered, the Weaver slips are used and the child is tested as to his ability to sing at sight. All through the grades, these slips are used, also work in tone perception:—the teacher or some pupil singing a series of tones and the others writing the notes on the staff or singing the melody with the syllables.

In addition to the board work and the Weaver slips, the Normal Music course is used. The ease with which the pupils overcome the difficulties in time and intervals in the songs, speaks very loudly in favor of the Weaver slips.

Especial drill has been given in each school on songs which will be used on Longfellow's Birthday.

In this department I wish to thank teachers and pupils for their kind co-operation and sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. LOUISE LONG,
Supervisor of Music.

Acton, Jan. 14, '07.

The work of the Academy is progressing along the usual lines. For more detailed information I call your attention to the report of the principal.

The absence of Miss Thompson and her subsequent resignation handicaps the work to some extent, though her successor Miss Ida Manvel gives promise of earnest, thorough work which will render the change less disastrous than we anticipated.

If the increased aid from the State could be turned toward the employment of a third teacher who should give a portion of her time to the ninth grade, it would allow of longer periods and do away with the necessity of giving subjects in alternate years, as well as permitting time for the broader lines of education which must of necessity be omitted under two teachers, no matter how small the numbers. This change was made in Littleton and Acton and has worked to decided advantage in both places.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY.

To the School Committee of Westford:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to make the following report for the year ending March 1, 1907:

The work of the past year has been without remarkable incident of any kind. The change in the course of study has affected principally the general course, which includes the two courses formerly known as the Latin-Scientific and the English. By vote of your Committee this course was extended from three years to four; and as the number of teachers remains the same, the increase of recitation periods has made it necessary to give some subjects in alternate years that were formerly offered every year, and also to combine two classes in each one of these subjects. For example, the third-year class is combined this year with the second-year class in the study of elementary physics, and next year the lower of these classes will join with the class next below it in the pursuit of chemistry. While this arrangement is not ideal, it seems to be necessary and it does bring the advantages which arise from larger numbers reciting together. It is, moreover, the plan that many high schools have adopted for reasons similar to our own.

The lengthening of the general course will involve a slight initial expense for text-books for new subjects introduced; and on account of the rapid strides that have been made in the natural sciences during recent years, not only in the way of discoveries and inventions, but also in methods of instruction, there is need of new texts, especially in physics and chemistry. The standard set by the State Board of Education for the teaching of chemistry in statutory high schools by laboratory work on the part of the pupils themselves calls for an increase in

our stock of chemicals and apparatus. Therefore, I suggest an allowance of fifty dollars for that purpose, to be expended during the coming year.

It must be evident to all that the progress of the work of the school as a whole as well as that of the individual pupils depends largely upon regularity of attendance. Now, it is the fact that the percentage of daily attendance at the Academy is lower than that of the high schools in towns about us of a similar size and population. No doubt this is largely due to the wide separation of our villages and scattered dwellings; but while the teachers appreciate the strenuous efforts and even sacrifices made by many pupils and their families who live at a distance from the Academy, they feel that with the co-operation of parents considerable improvement in our daily average might be made. In the matter of home study, too, if parents would allow certain definite hours each school day and would then require that the time so set apart be devoted to study, great improvement would follow, particularly in individual cases.

When the work of the Principal dropped from the hands of the honored and lamented Mr. Frost, the assistant teacher was Miss Grace E. Thompson. Now that she has resigned her position, may I take the occasion to testify to her steady and cheerful devotion to her work and her success in it, as well as to the cordial personal assistance she has given both in the trying days following Mr. Frost's death, and during the following years.

The attitude of the pupils to the school and its teachers has continued to be remarkably loyal.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. PERKINS.

The bill passed by the last legislature providing for medical inspection for all public school pupils by regular physicians, and for eye and ear tests by teachers has been put into effect in our schools. The following is the text of the law:—

ACT OF 1906—CHAPTER 505.

Section 1. The school committee of every city and town in the Commonwealth shall appoint one or more school physicians, shall assign one to each public school within its city or town, and shall provide them with all proper facilities for the performance of their duties as prescribed in this act; provided, however, that in cities wherein the board of health is already maintaining or shall hereafter maintain substantially such medical inspection as this act requires, the board of health shall appoint and assign the school physician.

Section 2. Every school physician shall make a prompt examination and diagnosis of all children referred to him as hereinafter provided, and such further examination of teachers, janitors and school buildings as in his opinion the protection of the health of the pupils may require.

Section 3. The school committee shall cause to be referred to a school physician for examination and diagnosis every child returning to school without a certificate from the board of health after absence on account of illness or from unknown cause: and every child in the schools under its jurisdiction who shows signs of being in ill health or of suffering from infectious or contagious disease, unless he is at once excluded from school by the teacher: except that in the case of schools in remote and isolated situations the school committee may make such other arrangements as may best carry out the purpose of this act.

Section 4. The school committee shall cause notice of the disease or defects, if any, from which any child is found to be suffering to be sent to his parent or guardian. Whenever a child shows symptoms of smallpox, scarlet fever, measles, chickenpox, tuberculosis, diphtheria or influenza, tonsilitis, whooping cough, mumps, scabies or trachoma, he shall be sent home immediately, or as soon as safe and proper conveyance can be found, and the board of health shall at once be notified.

Section 5. The school committee of every city and town shall cause every child in the public schools to be separately and carefully tested and examined at least once in every school year to ascertain whether he is suffering from defective sight or

hearing, or from any other disability or defect tending to prevent his receiving the full benefit of his school work, or requiring a modification of the school work in order to prevent injury to the child or to secure the best educational results. The test of sight and hearing shall be made by teachers. The committee shall cause notice of any defect or disability requiring treatment to be sent to the parent or guardian of the child, and shall require a physical record of each child to be kept in such form as the state board of education shall prescribe.

Section 6. The state board of health shall prescribe the directions for tests of sight and hearing, and the state board of education shall, after consultation with the state board of health, prescribe and furnish to school committees suitable rules of instruction, test cards, blanks, record books and other useful appliances for carrying out the purposes of this act, and shall provide for pupils in the normal schools instruction and practice in the best methods of testing the sight and hearing of children. The state board of education may expend during the year nineteen hundred and six a sum not greater than fifteen hundred dollars, and annually thereafter a sum not greater than five hundred dollars for the purpose of supplying the material required by this act.

Section 7. The expense which a city or town may incur by virtue of the authority herein vested in the school committee or board of health, as the case may be, shall not exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose in cities by the city council, and in towns by a town meeting. The appropriation shall precede any expenditure or any indebtedness which may be incurred under this act, and the sum appropriated shall be deemed a sufficient appropriation in the municipality where it is made. Such appropriation need not specify to what section of the act it shall apply, and may be voted as a total appropriation to be applied in carrying out the purpose of the act.

Section 8. This act shall take effect on the first day of September, in the year nineteen hundred and six. (*Approved June 20, 1906.*)

Under this law it will be necessary to ask for an appropriation for the services of the school physicians. Besides the annual inspection, the school physician should be expected to call at least once a term. I would urge a ready response to the call for an appropriation, as the results of the inspection in the other towns have been of undoubted advantage. By preventing the spread of disease it has contributed materially to improve the attendance and has protected the general health of the children.

An especial benefit has been noted in the discovery of cases of adenoid growth and enlarged tonsils. Some have received prompt attention after being reported and have shown marked improvement in consequence. Many parents are unaware of the serious nature of these troubles and unless their attention is called to the matter the children would continue to suffer.

The eye tests required by the State Board of Education are for near sightedness. Every pupil above the first grade and most of that grade, so far as the attendance has made it possible, has been examined. Most of the cases of defective sight were suspected, but the seriousness of a large number, as shown by the tests, was a revelation.

Several children were found who had to be placed within three feet of the chart in order to distinguish letters that should have been recognized by them at a distance of fifty feet.

In some cases the parents are unable to give the proper attention to the case, and it would seem wise for the town to provide for the expense in such cases. This surely is philanthropy of the practical kind.

The following table shows the result of the eye and ear test:

Number of pupils examined.	418
Number of pupils found defective in hearing	52
Number of pupils found defective in sight	113
Number of parents notified	137

In conclusion I wish to thank the committee and citizens for the cordial reception and hearty support with which I have met.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR B. WEBBER.

Littleton, Mass., February 28, 1907.

STATISTICS FOR 1905—1906.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Weeks of School.	Enroll- ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per Cent. of At- tendance.	Between 7 and 14.	Between 5 and 15.	Over 15.
Academy	X—XIII	40	24	21.2	19.5	88.2	0	4	20
Center Grammar	VIII—IX	36	36	32.2	29.2	90.8	6	26	11
Center Intermediate	IV—VII	36	45	37.6	34.1	91.4	42	45	0
Center Primary	I—III	36	31	28.2	25.4	89.8	17	31	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	VI—VIII	36	24	21.3	18.5	86.3	20	23	1
Graniteville Lower Grammar	IV—V	36	33	28.6	26.2	91.5	29	33	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II—III	36	30	24.1	21.6	89.5	25	27	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	36	27	17.6	14.7	85.7	9	25	0
Forge Grammar	IV—VII	36	32	29.1	26.8	92.6	30	32	0
Forge Primary	I—III	36	56	46.3	42.7	92.3	34	55	0
Minot's Corner	I—VII	36	15	14.1	13.3	94.3	12	15	0
Nabasset	I—VII	36	33	20.8	16.7	80.4	24	28	0
Nashoba	I—VII	36	10	9.3	8.7	93.5	6	9	0
Parkerville	I—VII	36	24	22.9	21.7	93.6	18	22	1
Stony Brook	I—VII	36	35	28.6	24.7	86.1	27	35	0
Totals.			455	381.4	333.8	87.2	299	410	33

LIST OF TEACHERS FOR 1906—1907.

SCHOOL.	TEACHERS.	App'ted	EDUCATED.	Salary.	HOME ADDRESS.
Academy, { Principal { Assistant	Wm. A. Perkins Grace E. Thompson	1904 1904	Bowdoin '83. Bates '02	\$1300 600	Westford. Westford.
Center Grammar	Ruth Fisher	1905	Lowell Normal.	450	Westford.
Center Intermediate.	Harriet Miller	1906	Fitchburg Normal.	380	Townsend, Mass.
Center Primary	Elizabeth Cushing.	1906	Framingham Normal	380	Fayville, Mass.
Graniteville Upper Grammar.	H. M. Vaughn	1906	Bridgewater Normal	540	Lynn, Mass.
Graniteville Lower Grammar.	Issie A. Parker	1897	Westford Academy.	360	Westford.
Garniteville Upper Primary	Flora E. Palmer	1901	Westford Academy.	360	Westford.
Graniteville Lower Primary	Ruth P. Tuttle	1905	Lowell Normal.	360	Westford.
Forge Grammar	Lucy B. Raddin	1904	Lowell Normal.	360	Groton
Forge Primary, { Principal { Assistant	Marion Perkins Abbie M. Blaisdell	1906 1905	Westfield Normal Lowell Normal.	396 288	Redstone, N. H. Lowell.
Stony Brook	Anna Mellen.	1899	Lowell Normal.	396	Lowell.
Nabnasset	Mollie O. Freeman	1906	Westford Academy.	432	Steep Falls, Me
Minot's Corner	Frances Banister.	1905	Lowell Normal.	360	Westford.
Parkerville.	Emma M. Graham	1905	Lowell Normal.	360	Lowell.
Superior of Music and Drawing	J. Louise Long	1906	Mass. Normal Art.	325	Methuen

STATISTICS FOR FALL AND WINTER TERMS, 1906--1907.

SCHOOL.	Enroll- ment.	Av. Mem.	Av. Att.	Per Cent. Att.	Between 7 and 14½	Between 14½ and 15	Over 15
Academy	27	21.3	19.4	92	6	6	21
Center Grammar	38	34.1	29.8	87.2	25	30	9
Center Intermediate	36	31.1	26.1	90.25	26	36	0
Center Primary	41	29	23.6	78.7	16	41	0
Graniteville Upper Grammar	23	21.6	19.3	89.1	22	23	0
Graniteville Lower Grammar	28	26.3	24.3	92.2	28	28	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	32	28.3	24.9	88.6	32	32	0
Graniteville Lower Primary	30	27.6	22.5	81.3	11	27	1
Forge Grammar	33	25.3	23.3	91	33	33	0
Forge Primary	58	48.5	43.5	89.8	37	56	1
Minot's Corner	26	25.6	23.7	92.5	23	28	1
Nabnasset	34	23.5	21.1	89.3	29	34	0
Parkerville	23	21.7	19.7	90.7	15	23	0
Stony Brook	36	29.2	24.5	84.3	27	36	0
Totals	465	393.1	342.7	86.9	330	433	48

Roll of Honor.

FOR THE YEAR 1905-1906.

Boucher, Leo	O'Hara, James
Healy, Henry	Spinner, Edith
Healy, Nellie	Spinner, Elizabeth
Kimball, Jennie	Tallant, Albert
Kimball, Rachel	Wall, Rachel
	Wilson, George

ROLL OF HONOR FOR 1906-1907.

TWO TERMS.

Boucher, Leda	Kimball, Rachel
Buckingham, Edward	Kingdon Shirley
Defoe, Gerald	Langhof, Mabel
Gladie, Claude	Lorman, Martha
Healy, Fred S.	Prinn, Carrie
Healy, Henry	Robinson, Maud
Healy, Nellie	Spinner, Edith
Kimball, Elizabeth	Wall, Rachel
Kimball, Jennie	Wilson, Florence
	Woodbury, Bertha

ONE TERM.

Bannister, Seth	Hunt, Edith
Beebe, Luella	Hunt, Maud
Blanchard, Albert S.	Leclerc, Antoinette

Boucher, Florence
Boucher, Leo
Burnham, Chester
Burnham, Frederick
Counter, William
Collins, Albert
Davis, William
Dupont, Bernadicte
Farrow, Charles
Feeney, John
Fletcher, Vernon
Gilson, Alice
Gilson, William
Hamlin, Raymond
Harrington, Olive
Hartford, James
Healey, Myrtle
Healy, Arthur
Healy, Margaret

McDonald, Madelaine
Morton, Albert
Morton, Willie
Murray, George
Murray, Marshall
Panneton, Prospere
Payne, John
Reed, Annie
Robinson, Frederick
Robinson, Grace
Sanborn, Mabel
Spinner, Robert
Sutherland, Alfred
Thayer, Bertha
Toussignant, Emele
Walkden, Herbert
Wall, Raymond
Whitney, Estella
Woods, Charles

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

SPRING TERM—Begins March 18, 1907; closes June 7, 1907.

Length of term, 12 weeks.

FALL TERM—Begins Sept. 3, 1907; closes Nov. 27, 1907.

Length of term, 13 weeks.

WINTER TERM—Begins December 2, 1907; closes March 13, 1908.

Vacation, December 20, 1907 to January 6, 1908.

Length of term, 13 weeks.

SPRING TERM—Begins March 30, 1908; closes June 7, 1908.

Length of term, 10 weeks.

ACADEMY.

SPRING TERM—March 18, 1907 to June 21, 1907.

FALL TERM—September 3, 1907 to November 27, 1907.

Length of term, 13 weeks.

WINTER TERM—December 2, 1907 to March 20, 1908.

Vacation December 20, 1907 to December 31, 1907.

Length of term, 15 weeks.

SPRING TERM—March 30, 1908 to June 19, 1908.

Length of term, 12 weeks.

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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTFORD, 1907.

Town Clerk.

EDWARD FISHER Term expires March, 1909

Selectmen.

OSCAR R. SPALDING, Chairman ... Term expires March, 1908

WESLEY O. HAWKES Term expires March, 1909

EDWARD M. ABBOT, Secretary.... Term expires March, 1910

Assessors.

J. WILLARD FLETCHER, Secretary Term expires March, 1908

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR, Chairman.... Term expires March, 1909

CHARLES D. COLBURN Term expires March, 1910

Overseers of the Poor.

ALBERT R. CHOATE Term expires March, 1908

ARTHUR H. BURNHAM, Secretary . Term expires March, 1909

CHARLES L. HILDRETH, Chairman . Term expires March, 1910

Treasurer.

NAHUM H. WRIGHT.

Collector of Taxes.

LEONARD W. WHEELER.

Auditor.

WILLIAM R. TAYLOR.

Constables.

EDSON G. BOYNTON,

ERNEST H. DANE.

School Committee.

T. ARTHUR E. WILSON Term expires March, 1908

WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary ... Term expires March, 1908

*CHARLES A. CHAMBERLAIN Term expires March, 1909

HOMER M. SEAVEY Term expires March, 1909

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman.... Term expires March, 1910

HENRY B. READ Term expires March, 1910

*Resigned, Charles O. Prescott chosen for unexpired term.

Trustees of J. V. Fletcher Library.

WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary . . . Term expires March, 1908
 WILLIAM A. PERKINS, Chairman . Term expires March, 1909
 CHARLES O. PRESCOTT Term expires March, 1910

Librarian.

MARY P. BUNCE.

Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary Term expires March, 1908
 GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, Chairman . Term expires March, 1909
 MELBOURNE F. HUTCHINS Term expires March, 1910

Tree Warden.

JAMES SPINNER.

Field Drivers.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH, JOSEPH E. KNIGHT,
 JOSEPH WALL.

Fence Viewers.

CLARENCE R. P. DECATUR, JOSEPH E. KNIGHT,
 ALMON S. VOSE.

Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber.

CHARLES A. BLODGETT,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
HORACE E. GOULD,	ALONZO H. SUTHERLAND,
JOHN A. HEALY,	THOMAS E. SYMMES,
WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,	SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
MICHAEL L. MCGLINCHY,	CHARLES E. OSGOOD.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

ALBERT A. HILDRETH.

Inspector of Animals.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Police Officers.

JOHN FEENEY,	LINCOLN A. REDDICK,
FRANK HEALY,	LEONARD W. WHEELER,
MARK M. MORRISON,	WALTER A. WHIDDEN,
GEORGE PERKINS.	

Fire Wards.

EDWARD M. ABBOT,	JOHN A. HEALY,
EDSON G. BOYNTON,	T. ARTHUR E. WILSON,
CHARLES EDWARDS,	WILLIAM L. WOODS.

Forest Fire Wards.

EDSON G. BOYNTON,	GEORGE O. JACKSON,
CHARLES EDWARDS,	DONALD J. MCLEOD,
DAVID DESMOND,	EBENEZER PRESCOTT,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	OSCAR R. SPALDING,
JOHN A. HEALY,	WALTER A. WHIDDEN,
EDWIN H. GOULD,	WILLIAM L. WOODS.

Weighers of Coal.

JOHN M. FLETCHER,	J. AUSTIN HEALY,
J. WILLARD FLETCHER,	WILLIAM W. JOHNSON,
ALFRED W. HARTFORD,	ELLA F. PYNE,
JOHN A. HEALY,	EVA F. PYNE,
CHARLES E. WHIDDEN.	

Superintendent of Streets.

ANGUS McDONALD.

Agent for Burial of Deceased Soldiers.

GEORGE T. DAY.

Agents of Board of Health.

WESLEY O. HAWKES,	ALBERT A. HILDRETH.
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Registrars of Voters.

J. HERBERT FLETCHER Term expires April 30, 1908
 QUINCY W. DAY, Chairman Term expires April 30, 1909
 J. EVERETT WOODS Term expires April 30, 1910
 EDWARD FISHER, Clerk ex officio.

Precinct Officers.

PRECINCT 1.—Warden, Samuel H. Balch; Deputy Warden, Alonzo H. Sutherland; Clerk, John M. Fletcher; Deputy Clerk, Albert W. Heywood; Inspectors, William H. H. Burbeck, T. Arthur E. Wilson; Deputy Inspectors, Clarence R. P. Decatur, Albert A. Hildreth.

PRECINCT 2.—Warden, Timothy D. Riney; Deputy Warden, Albert R. Wall; Clerk, Walter C. Wright; Deputy Clerk, Willard H. Beebe; Inspectors, Hammet D. Wright, Joseph Wall; Deputy Inspectors, Charles A. Blodgett, Edward Riney.

PRECINCT 3.—Warden, Michael L. McGlinchey; Deputy Warden, William J. Flynn; Clerk, William R. Taylor; Deputy Clerk, Samuel L. Taylor; Inspectors, Houghton G. Osgood, Amos B. Polley; Deputy Inspectors, Bernard J. Flynn, Charles M. Trull.

PRECINCT 4.—Warden, John B. Splain; Deputy Warden, John F. Kavanaugh; Clerk, Frederic E. Reed; Deputy Clerk, Edson G. Boynton; Inspectors, Arthur H. Comey, John Edwards; Deputy Inspectors, Augustine W. Carkin, Alvin S. Bennett.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

EDSON G. BOYNTON.

Janitor of Town House.

JOHN FEENEY.

Janitor of Library Building.

AI BICKNELL.

Appraisers of Property at Town Farm.

CHARLES A. BLODGETT, ALEC FISHER,
 HOWARD L. WRIGHT.

BIRTHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1907.

DATE.	NAME.	PARENTS' NAME.
Aug. 10	Agnoli Guilio	Piero and Teresa (Pardon)
Aug. 21	Anderson Harold R.	Andrew and Julia (Anderson)
July 20	Anderson Hilda D.	Oscar H. and Susan D. (Cushman)
Dec. 19	Baker Frederick O.	John and Lottie (Davis)
Nov. 10	Bartlett, Mary L.	Thomas and Mary (Shacky)
Aug. 18	Bennett Ruth H.	Joseph Jr. and Mary (Vickers)
Jan. 2	Blowie, Adolphus	Samuel and Florence (Gange)
July 29	Canton Mary E.	Meddy and Mary L. (Byron)
Nov. 9	Capuano, Marco	Antonio and Trese (Mareno)
April 15	Cote Joseph C.	Amide and Melain (Milot)
Jan. 26	Daly Arthur J.	John J. and Margaret A. (May)
Jan. 11	Dane Grace A.	Ernest H. and Florence G. (Durgin)
June 16	Darling Rosalie A.	Ellery V. and Catherine T. (Leland)
April 22	Doucette Clyde	John and Rachel (Perkins)
April 15	Dupont Joseph H.	Henry and Annie (Laurie)
Oct. 3	Elliott Francis	James and Mary A. (Boynton)
Jan. 29	Forziati Rosina	Beniamino and Stella (Martroville)
April 28	Green Eleanor V.	William E. and Rose E. (Murray)
Jan. 24	Good Henry E.	John and Mary L. (O'Brien)
Oct. 6	Griffin ———	Charles M. and Nellie (Collins)
Aug. 8	Harrington Edward F.	P. Henry and Elizabeth (Dunn)
March 23	Hartford Leroy C.	Leroy and Nellie (Elliott)
Oct. 28	Heald William S.	William S. and Leah (Stott)
Feb. 8	Healy Catherine E.	Henry J. and Margaret (Harrington)
Nov. 29	Healy Harold	Stephen M. and Edith A. (Darling)
Nov. 17	Hunt Anna	Edward J. and Annie M. (Whigham)
Jan. 29	LeDuc, Beatrice E.	Ferdinand J. and Eugenie (Frechette)
Feb. 26	Leitherjeuski Alexander	Mike and Mary (Leroca)
Feb. 26	Leitherjeuski Antony	Mike and Mary (Leroca)
Jan. 15	Lundbery Carl A.	Arel G. and Amanda (Lovendale)
Nov. 26	Marcouillier Maria R. A.	Sesere and Maria (Milot)
Sept. 20	Mardas Bronislrow	William and Annie (Bedowska)
Sept. 25	McLeod Allen W.	Donald and Gertrude (Adams)
April 26	Michalowski Friuk	Alexander and Josephina (Budnik)
Dec. 6	Mills Herbert A.	Herbert Hugh and Rose Emma (Millis)
Jan. 8	Milot Joseph Oscar	Oscar and Philemon (Dupont)
Oct. 8	Milot Marie L.	Joseph and Dorilla (Ricord)
Dec. 30	Morin Olive G.	Louis J. and Annie F. (Floyd)
Sept. 1	Morton Sarra A.	Finnemore and Lilly Eliza (Northrup)
Sept. 20	Nesmith, George W.	Harry L. and Hattie K. (McLeod)
Nov. 21	O'Brien Evangeline G.	John W. and Isabelle (Johnson)
Feb. 7	Oliva Felice	Joseph and Lagnar (Felice)
May 29	Pelkey Mary R. B.	Eugene and Rose (Pinault)
March 16	Pelletier Henry P.	Joseph and Joe (Michand)
Dec. 6	Pivrotto Vincenga C.	Batista and Annetta (Giavi)
May 30	Profta Adeline	Joseph and Annie (Brisson)
Feb. 6	Reeves Mary B. E.	Albert and Nellie (Gagnon)
March 27	Ricord Theodora	Dona and Josephine (Brulé)
Aug. 4	Ring, Mary	Michael E. and Elizabeth (Voto)
Nov. 1	Stewart Earl M.	James W. and Annie (Doucette)
June 8	Tesero Anna	Poolo and Cecilia (Tauche)
Oct. 23	Vusno Marie E.	Willie and Regina (Berthiaune)
May 1	Vincent Joseph A.	Gideon and Annie (Byron)
Jan. 13	Wall Richard A.	Albert R. and Julia (Dunn)

Number recorded: males 31, females 28, total 59.

MARRIAGES.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1907.

DATE.	NAMES.	Age.	Residence.	Birthplace.
April 23	Anderson, William E.	28	Westford.	Walkersville, W. Va.
	Wright, Clara B.	27	Westford.	Westford.
Dec. 18	Balch, Samuel H.	53	Westford.	Goffstown, N. H. .
	Carkin, Clara P.	46	Westford.	Westford.
June 9	Bicknell, Fred H.	19	Westford.	Westford.
	Duffy, Catherine T.	28	Lowell.	Ireland.
Dec. 18	Blodgett, Charles R.	22	Groton.	Groton.
	Lees, Betty.	29	Westford.	England.
Oct. 26	Brotz, Edward J.	27	Westford.	Boston.
	Decatur, Eva G.	25	Westford.	Westford.
Aug. 26	Brown, George H.	42	Westford.	Underhill, Vt.
	Dammarell, Blanche E.	27	Westford.	Charlottetown, N.S.
March 16	Crossland, Christopher E.	27	Westford.	Lowell.
	Monroe, Ethel G.	25	Carlisle.	Carlisle.
Oct. 30	Dalglish, William.	29	Westford.	Scotland.
	Stubbs, Alice.	29	Westford.	England.
April 7	Darling, Elerly V.	22	Dedham.	N. B.
	Leland, Catherine T.	22	Westford.	Westford.
Oct. 23	Defoe, Frederick M.	32	Westford.	Lowell.
	Provost, Elizabeth E.	32	Westford.	Canada.
Sept. 18	Delony, Eugene.	21	Westford.	Canada.
	Gerthiaume, Leda.	24	Westford.	Canada.
Sept. 18	Ellison, John T.	29	Westford.	St. Johns, N. B. .
	Perkins, Annie A.	25	Westford.	St. Johns, N. B. .
Aug. 5	Flagg, Warren H.	25	Westford.	Westford.
	Welsby, Bertha.	25	Westford.	England.
Jan. 14	Gould, Edwin H.	23	Westford.	Westford.
	Wright, Alma L.	20	Westford.	Lowell.
Aug. 24	Goybowski, Ekakub.	24	Westford.	Poland.
	Buotnikowna, Qobija.	23	Westford.	Poland.
June 4	Gray, Thomas.	30	Chelmsford.	P. Q.
	Polley, Helen S.	26	Westford.	Westford.
Jan. 22	Haley, Frank L.	38	Westford.	Manchester, N. H. .
	Hildreth, Maude A.	38	Lowell.	Westford.
Feb. 12	Hartford LeRoy C.	21	Westford.	Westford.
	Elliott, Ellen A.	21	Westford.	Ashland.
May 16	Healy, John A.	30	Westford.	Canada.
	Shugrue, Rosie B.	21	Westford.	Westford.
July 24	Hildreth, Charles L.	28	Westford.	Cambridge.
	Haywood, Elizabeth C.	28	Westford.	Westford.
Nov. 5	Hildreth, Henry W.	33	Cambridge.	New Ipswich, N. H.
	Sargent, Harriet C.	26	Westford.	Westford.
Sept. 3	Jackson, Orlando D.	44	Townsend.	Mason, N. H.
	Richardson, Effie C.	32	Westford.	Westford.
Aug. 31	Kisly, Joseph.	24	Westford.	Poland.
	Rodulska, Mary.	24	Westford.	Poland.
Feb. 6	Lambert, Edward J.	23	Ayer.	Greenville, N. H. .
	Gower, Mary T.	22	Westford.	Westford.
Oct. 2	Leighton, James A.	40	Lowell.	Hope, Me.
	Gardel, Victoria A.	19	Westford.	Canada.
Aug. 3	Mardas, William.	28	Westford.	Poland.
	Balaska, Annie.	25	Westford.	Poland.
Oct. 18	McIntosh, John.	31	Westford.	N. S.
	McPhail, Mary E.	31	Boston.	Boston.
Sept. 18	McLenna, Lester A.	25	Westford.	Westford.
	Charlton, Helen R.	22	Westford.	Pa.
April 24	Merritt, Walter J.	40	Westford.	Lowell.
	Wright, Flora M.	25	Westford.	Westford.
June 12	Patterson, Ned F.	24	Westford.	So. Merrimack, N.H
	Maines, Emily A.	20	Acton.	Acton.
June 5	Polley, Amos B.	28	Westford.	Westford.
	Tallent, Valina M.	25	Lowell.	Fitchburg.
March 5	Prescott, Waldo F.	29	Westford.	Westford.
	Thompson, Grace E.	26	Stratham, N. H. .	Wilmot, N. H.
Nov. 9	Remiszewski, Stanislaw J.	22	Westford.	Poland.
	Prachniak, Franciszka A.	18	Westford.	Poland.
Sept. 28	Sinkiewicz, Martyn.	23	Westford.	Poland.
	Pucilowska, Qafia.	25	Westford.	Poland.
June 4	Sutherland, Walter R.	29	Westford.	N. S.
	Clarke, Mary H.	31	England.	England.
Dec. 30	Tyler, Henry.	40	Worcester.	England.
	Weaver, Alice.	41	Westford.	England.
June 29	Whitney, William A.	21	Westford.	Westford.
	Crawford, Annie.	22	Lowell.	Lowell.
Aug. 11	York, John E.	26	Westford.	N. S.
	Johnson, Isabel M.	23	Westford.	Westford.

Number of Marriages recorded, 38.

DEATHS.

RECORDED BY THE TOWN CLERK OF WESTFORD A. D., 1907.

DATE.	NAMES, ETC.	AGE.		
		Years	Months	Days
Sept. 4	Agnoli, Guilo, son of Pretio and Teresa (Pardon)			25
Jan. 4	Anderson, Carl G., son of Andrew	39	5	25
Sept. 14	Carney, Thomas	96		
June 22	Couture, Edward R., son of Charles and Emma (Parsons) ..	10		2
Feb. 19	Day Clifford E., son of Arthur E. and Margaret L. (Gunter)		11	6
Dec. 27	Daily, Maurice	58		
May 19	Dearborn, Asa, son of Asa and Irena (Chase)	80	3	11
March 13	DeCatur, Amanda M., daughter of Joshua and Mary (Hill) ..	72	5	2
Oct. 12	Denault, Victoria	36		
Dec. 22	Doucett, Morris, son of F. W. and Mary (Fay)	78		
May 19	Fisher, Alvan, son of Alexander and Clarissa (Tucker)	85	5	17
March 13	Hutchins, Lucy A., wife of Stephen	76	8	17
May 14	Johnson, Josephine A.	18	7	21
Jan. 21	Larkin, Bridget, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Higgins) ..	68		
June 9	Ledwith, Edward J., son of Thomas and Rose A. (Mack) ..	19		
Aug. 30	Leihyeuski, Alexander, son of Michael and Mary (Selorki) ..		6	4
Nov. 19	Long, Mary, wife of Thomas	42	9	
Feb. 26	Martin, Lizzie, wife of Frederick	55		1
Feb. 23	McDaniel, Sarah A., widow of Ephraim	77	8	27
Aug. 23	McIntosh, Catherine, widow of Colin	69		
Dec. 29	Mills, Herbert A., son of Herbert A. and Rose E. (Millis) ..			22
Sept. 28	O'Brien, Harriet, widow of Cornelius	72		
April 15	Payne, Catherine, wife of John	66		
Nov. 2	Reed, Mary A., widow of Abram	74	5	28
Feb. 14	Richardson, Olive A., daughter of Samuel and Olive (Prescott)	73	2	2
July 24	Sleeper, Emma C., wife of Walter J.	47	7	20
March 9	Spillane, Ita M., daughter of Patrick and Catherine A. (Donohue)	1	7	
Oct. 27	Spillane, Wm. G., son of Patrick and Catherine A. (Donohue)	13	11	13
April 8	Spinner, Robert, son of William and Sarah (Cox)	60	8	7
Dec. 10	Symmes, Mabel M., daughter of Thomas E. and Nancy A. (Hale)	21	4	12
Sept. 14	Turner, John F., son of James and Hannah (Anderson)	26		
Jan. 8	Upton, Charles W., son of George A. and Nellie M. (George)	24		
March 2	Woodbury, Alfred, son of Sabin and Betsey (Howard)	62	5	29

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number recorded	20	18	38
Number of deaths in town	19	16	35
Residents of Westford	20	15	35

NOTE.

All persons are respectfully requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages and deaths, and report to the Town Clerk any errors or omissions that may be discerned therein, so that the records may be corrected. An error in the record, other than a mistake in copying a certificate or return, can be corrected only in accordance with a deposition under oath, made by one who was required by law to furnish the information for the original record or by three or more creditable persons having knowledge of the case. (See Revised Laws, Chapter 29, Sections 9 and 16.)

Births occurring late in the year are sometimes returned without the Christian name. In such cases parents should return the name to the Town Clerk as soon as selected, as incompleteness of the record may occasion trouble in the future.

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor with blanks for return of births, as required by law.

EDWARD FISHER,
Town Clerk.

Town Clerk's Report on Dogs.

NUMBER OF DOGS LICENSED DURING THE YEAR 1907.

159 males at \$2.00	\$318 00
13 females at \$5.00	65 00
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Total	\$383 00
Clerk's fees, 172 licenses at 20 cents.....	34 40
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Balance paid into County Treasury	\$348 60

Number of licenses issued since last return to County Treasurer, November 4, 1907: Males, 2; females, 1.

Number returned by assessors: Males, 162; females, 12; total, 174.

OWNERS AND KEEPERS OF DOGS WHO HAVE PROCURED LICENSES SINCE LAST REPORT, FEB. 18, 1907.

Abbot Edward M.	Bussey George W.
Abbot John C.	Butterworth William L.
Anderson Andrew	Cann Charles W.
Barretto Frank (f.)	Carkin Warren E.
Berne Joseph	Carmichael James H.
Beshard Henry	Carmichael John Jr.
Bicknell Roy	Clements John E.
Blaisdell Alvin J.	Clements William W.
Blodgett C. A. and F. R. (f.)	Comey Arthur H.
Blood Mary O.	Comstock Frank R.
Bridgford Ralph	Connell John H.
Burke Dennis	Crossland Samuel

Courtney Alexander	Healy Peter
Cummings Charles M.	Healy Stephen
Daly Maurice	Hedman Erick
Darling Catherine T.	Heman Robert J.
Decatur Albert W.	Hildreth Charles L.
Decatur William H. (f.)	Hildreth Frank C.
Dege H. E.	Hinckley Sylvanus E.
Delorenzo Bertha	Hunt Edward
Desjardins Oliver	Hutchins Stephen E.
Donnelly William J.	Irish George F. (f.)
Downs Matthew F. (2)	Jarvis Everett P. (f.)
Drew Frank C.	Jasmin Paul
Drew Sarah J.	Jenkins Mark M.
Driscoll Michael D.	Jenne Albert E. (2)
Dureault Aime	Johnson William W.
Edwards Charles S.	Kabele Henry M.
Elliott James	Kendrick George W. (f.)
Farnham W. R.	Keyes Frank L.
Feeney John	Kimball George A.
Flagg Elbert H.	Knowles James
Fletcher Harry N. (2 m. & f.)	Larkin Thomas J.
Fletcher Henry A.	Leland Fred J.
Fletcher Herbert E.	McCoy Fred L.
Fletcher J. Henry	McDonald Alec
Fletcher J. Willard	McDonald Angus
Flynn John	McDonald William O.
Foster Arthur	McDougall Allister F.
Gilson George Q.	McGlinchey Michael L.
Gilson Levi S.	McGlinchey Peter J. (m. & f.)
Gould Horace E.	McIntosh John
Green Rosie E. (f. s.)	McLeod D. J.
Gregory Frank	McMaster John
Greig John L.	Meades Dwight H.
Harrington Daniel W.	Merritt Flora M.
Harrington Mrs.	Miller Frank E.
Hartford Ida F.	Monegan Lizzie
Healy Frank	Murphy Henry J. (2)
Healy John A. (3)	Nesmith Harry L. (f.)

Nutting Elmer E.
 O'Brien George
 O'Brien James
 O'Brien James (2)
 O'Brien John M.
 O'Brien John W. (f. s.)
 Oliva Joseph
 Osgood Susan A.
 Osgood Charles E.
 Page Anna M.
 Payne James H.
 Peino William J.
 Pelkey Jean
 Perkins Theodore
 Pigeon Victor
 Polley Alvin G.
 Prescott Lester
 Prescott Richard D.
 Provost Thomas N.
 Pulsifer John F.
 Pyne Olive
 Read Henry B.
 Reed Charles W. (f.)
 Reeves Albert
 Roberson C. W.
 Sargent Charles G.
 Seifer William F.
 Sevard Henry
 Shugrue Charles
 Smith John
 Smith Matthew
 Snow Fred L.

Standberg Carl
 Sullivan James P.
 Sullivan Timothy
 Swanson Noah
 Sweatt Marion
 Sweetser Judson F.
 Sweetser Warner P.
 Tallant E. W.
 Toper Sarah
 Tuttle Aaron
 Voyer Peter
 Wadleigh Herbert (f)
 Wayne William
 Wentworth George (2)
 Whigham William
 Whitcomb Charles E.
 Whitney Charles H.
 Whitney George H.
 Whitney Nathaniel
 Wilkerson Lizzie
 Wilson James D.
 Wilson T. Arthur E.
 Wood F. G. (f.)
 Wood Mary E.
 Woods William L.
 Wright Addie S.
 Wright Frank C.
 Wright Hammett D.
 Wright Sidney B.
 Wyman Walter W.
 Wyman William (2)

Annual Town Meeting, March 18, 1907.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, March 18, 1907, the following business was transacted:—

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator. Frank Healy and Albert A. Hildreth appointed Ballot Clerks by the Selectmen, were sworn by the Town Clerk and received from him the official ballots and gave their receipt therefor. William H. H. Burbeck and T. Arthur E. Wilson appointed Tellers by the Selectmen, having been sworn, took charge of the check list and ballot box respectively. The ballot box was opened and found to be empty, the register was placed at zero. The polls were declared open at 8 o'clock A. M., and the voters then proceeded to bring in their ballots for the officers named in Article 2, and the following question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" Upon the order of the Moderator and Town Clerk the ballots cast were removed from the ballot box before the close of the polls and Walter A. Whidden and Joseph Wall were appointed by the Moderator to assist in canvassing said ballots. They were sworn by the Town Clerk. It was voted to hold the polls open until 1.15 o'clock P. M.

The polls were declared to be closed at 1.15 o'clock P. M. The register stood at 378. Number of names checked on the ballot clerk's list and ballot box list was: males, 378; females, 0.

Number of ballots cast: males, 378; females, 0.

2. Voted to take up the remaining articles of the warrant.

3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen as printed.

4. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on guide boards as printed.

5. Voted to accept the report of the Overseers of the Poor as printed.

6. Voted to accept the report of the School Committee as printed.

7. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Trustees of the Public Library as printed.

8. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds as printed.

9. Voted to accept the report of the Auditor as printed.

10. Voted to excuse Edward M. Abbot, Frank L. Furbush, George Q. Gilson, John Wilson and John P. Wright from the list of jurors and strike off the name of Alfred Woodbury, deceased. Voted to add names of Ernest H. Dane, August F. Whidden, John L. Flynn, Warren E. Carkin, Francis L. Fletcher and Joseph Lee. Voted to accept the list of jurors as printed and as amended by the previous vote. The list is as follows: Joseph Banister, machinist; Charles A. Blodgett, farmer; Warren E. Carkin, engineer; Ernest H. Dane, painter; Hans C. Dege, overseer; Charles Edwards, farmer; Elbert H. Flagg, farmer; Francis L. Fletcher, retired; J. Willard Fletcher, farmer; John L. Flynn, laborer; P. Henry Harrington, carpenter; Frank Healy, teamster; Albert W. Heywood, fireman; Albert A. Hildreth, clerk; George A. Kimball, farmer; Andrew Johnson, foreman; William O. McDonald, farmer; Amos B. Polley, farmer; Nelson L. Prescott, farmer; Henry E. Shorey, farmer; Fred A. Smith, bottler; John Spinner, operative; Thomas O. Sullivan, farmer; Fred A. Sweatt, machinist; George W. Whitney, farmer; J. Everett Woods, farmer; Joseph Lee, laborer; Augustus F. Whidden, farmer.

11. Voted that the compensation of the Tax Collector be 1% on the amount collected.

12. Voted to raise and appropriate \$3,000, and to appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto for repairs of roads and bridges.

13. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,000, and to appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto for town debts and charges.

14. Voted to raise and appropriate \$6,500 for support of public schools.

15. Voted to raise and appropriate \$2,200 for High School purposes.

16. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500 for support of the Poor.

17. Voted to appropriate \$700 for the purchase of school text books and supplies.

18. Voted to raise and appropriate \$1,500, and appropriate \$1,000 in addition thereto to carry out the order of the County Commissioners for the relocation and repair of the Carlisle road, and that the Selectmen contract the work out to the lowest responsible bidder.

19. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in regard to the sanitary condition of the Town Hall and to raise and appropriate \$150 to carry out the recommendations of the Selectmen.

20. Voted to raise and appropriate \$100 for improving the Common.

21. Voted that \$250 be appropriated for the purchase of two snow rollers, one to be stationed at Graniteville and one at Brookside or vicinity, and the diameter of such rollers be not less than six feet.

22. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to rearrange the voting precincts by the addition of one, to be established at Forge Village, and report at a meeting to be held before June first, next.

23. Voted to dismiss Article 23; this article was in regard to changing the date of holding the Annual Meeting.

24. Voted that the legacy under the will of Anna Richardson be accepted.

25. Voted that the Selectmen together with Charles L. Hildreth and Julian A. Cameron constitute a committee to install a system of lighting the Town House with gas or electricity, and that the sum of \$1,200 be raised and appropriated for that purpose.

26. Voted to dismiss Article 26; this article was in regard to installing gasoline arc lights in the villages of Forge Village, Graniteville and Westford Centre.

27. Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700 to cover the expenses already incurred at the Graniteville schoolhouse, and that the chair appoint a Committee of

three persons to act with the School Board to consider the question of repairs in schoolhouses, and that they report at the next town meeting.

The chair appointed John C. Abbot, Sherman H. Fletcher and Herbert E. Fletcher.

28. Voted that the sum of \$75 be appropriated for the expenses of graduation at Westford Academy.

29. Voted to appropriate \$50 for medical inspection of schools according to law.

30. Voted to dismiss Article 30; this article was in regard to diminishing the number of the School Committee.

31. Voted that the matter of remedying the present condition of the Centre school be referred to the committee chosen under Article 27, they to report at the next Town Meeting.

32. Voted that the chair appoint a Committee to investigate and report at the next Town Meeting in regard to the matter contained in Article 32. The chair appointed George T. Day, Julian A. Cameron, Oscar R. Spalding, Charles M. Trull and Edward Fisher. Article 22 was in regard to purchasing apparatus for protection against fire and constructing a building to house the same in at Brookside.

33. Voted that the matter of granting to the Westford Water Company the right to construct a water tower on a portion of the Town Farm, be referred to the Committee chosen under Article 32, they to report at the next Town Meeting.

34. Voted that the matter of protection against fire and installing a system of hydrants be referred to the Committee chosen under Article 32, they to report at the next Town Meeting.

35. Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and empowered under the written direction of the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom.

36. Voted that the taxes of those who pay only a poll tax be payable at sight and all other taxes shall be payable on the first day of January next, and if any taxes remain unpaid after that date the Collector shall charge interest on such overdue taxes at the rate of six per cent. per annum, and collect the same

according to law. There shall be allowed a discount on all taxes assessed of five per cent. if paid on or before November first next, if the whole tax assessed to them is paid at one time. The Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Tax Collector within three days after the first day of November, and said Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all the money he may have received on or before the fifth day of November, and furthermore, the Auditor shall audit the accounts of the Collector between the fifteenth and twentieth days of February next, and the Collector shall pay to the Town Treasurer all money he may have received within five days after the said twentieth day of February. And the Assessors are instructed to complete the assessment of taxes on or before July first next and issue their warrant to the Collector of Taxes with a list of persons assessed with their places of abode within five days after the said first day of July.

37. Chose the following officers by hand vote: Field Drivers, Joseph E. Knight, Joseph Wall and Albert A. Hildreth. Fence Viewers, Joseph E. Knight, Almon S. Vose and Clarence R. P. Decatur. Measurers of Wood and Bark and Surveyors of Lumber, Charles A. Blodgett, Horace E. Gould, John A. Healy, William W. Johnson, Michael L. McGlinchey, Charles E. Osgood, Oscar R. Spalding, Alonzo H. Sutherland, Thomas E. Symmes and Samuel L. Taylor.

38. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150 to commemorate Memorial Day.

39. Voted that the sum of \$75 be appropriated for the distribution of books from the Public Library in the villages of Graniteville, Forge Village and Parkerville.

40. Voted that the Selectmen be authorized to act as the agents of the town in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year.

41. Voted that the sum of \$200 be appropriated for the purpose of suppressing the liquor traffic in town and that the Selectmen be authorized to employ or appoint constables or police officers to enforce the law.

42. Voted that the sum of \$100 be appropriated, and that the Selectmen be authorized to offer that amount as a reward

for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in this town.

43. Voted that the question of altering or changing the location of the Nabnassett schoolhouse be referred to the Committee chosen under Article 27, they to report at the next Town Meeting.

44. The votes having been counted, the following named were found and declared to be elected to the respective offices:

Selectman—Edward M. Abbot.

Assessor—Charles D. Colburn.

Overseer of the Poor—Charles L. Hildreth.

Town Treasurer—Nahum H. Wright.

Collector of Taxes—Leonard W. Wheeler.

Auditor—William R. Taylor.

Constables—Edson G. Boynton, Ernest H. Dane.

School Committee—Albert R. Choate, Henry B. Read.

Trustee of J. V. Fletcher Library—Charles O. Prescott.

Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds—Melbourne F. Hutchins.

Tree Warden—James Spinner.

License: Yes, 149; No, 184.

45. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

46. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, May, 27, 1907.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Monday, May 27, 1907, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator.
2. Voted to lay Article 2 upon the table.
3. Article 3, which was in regard to building a new schoolhouse failed to pass by reason of the fact that the required two-thirds vote was not obtained.
4. Voted to take Article 2 from the table.
5. Voted to accept the report of the Committee.
6. Voted that a Committee of five persons be chosen from the floor, to investigate and report to the Town before August first in regard to the location, construction and probable cost of a new schoolhouse, and that the sum of \$300 be appropriated for the use of said Committee.

The following named were chosen: Frank C. Wright, Edward Fisher, Walter J. Sleeper, Herbert V. Hildreth and Samuel L. Taylor.

7. Voted to dismiss Article 4. This Article related to the acquiring a location for the new schoolhouse.
8. Voted to dismiss Article 5. This Article was in regard to borrowing money to pay for the new schoolhouse, etc.
9. Voted to dismiss Article 6. This Article was in regard to hearing the report of the Committee, and appropriating money for repair of schoolhouses.
10. Voted to dismiss Article 7. This Article was in regard to changing the location of the Nabnasset School.
11. Voted to accept and adopt the voting precinct as recommended by the Selectmen.
12. Voted to recind the action taken under Article 19 at the last Annual Town Meeting.

13. Voted to accept and adopt the report of the Selectmen and that the sum of \$500 be appropriated to be expended by the Selectmen in remedying the sanitary condition of the Town Hall, the ladies' toilet room to be placed upstairs.

14. Voted to accept the report of the Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town and in consideration of one dollar, to execute, acknowledge and deliver unto the Westford Water Company, a body corporate, a deed conveying to said company the right to erect and maintain a water tower upon, and lay pipes through that portion of the Town Farm as shown upon a plan entitled "Westford Water Company, 1907. Plan of lot for Stand-pipe 100 ft. square and 20 ft. right of way thereto on Town Farm Hill," to which reference is hereby made, together with the right to pass over and across the intervening land to gain access to Union Street, as long as said company shall use and maintain said tower for the purpose of distributing water therefrom.

15. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town to enter into a contract with the Westford Water Company, a body corporate, to provide for a term of ten years for protection against fire by installing a system of hydrants in such number not exceeding forty and to be located as and where the Selectmen may determine, at a price not to exceed \$40 per hydrant per year, the expense thus incurred to be assessed and payable annually as one of the current expenses of the Town.

16. Voted to accept the report of the Committee. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$250, and place this sum in the hands of the Selectmen to carry out the recommendations of the Committee. This was in regard to the building and fire apparatus to be placed in the vicinity of Brookside.

17. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

18. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, July 17, 1907.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, Wednesday evening, July 17, 1907, the following business was transacted:

1. Herbert E. Fletcher chosen Moderator.
2. Voted to accept the report of the Committee.
3. Voted unanimously that the Town build a new four-room modern schoolhouse at Westford Centre to be located upon the Foss lot, so called, situated northeasterly of the new Academy building, and that the Town borrow the sum of \$15,000 to meet the indebtedness to be incurred in the erection of and securing a location for such building. This amount so borrowed to be payable in fifteen consecutive annual payments of \$1,000 each, and that a Committee of three persons be chosen to serve as a Building Committee with full power to act in the premises.

Voted that the Building Committee be chosen as follows: The School Committee to choose one from among their own number, the Board of Selectmen to choose one from among their own number and the Committee chosen to investigate and report at this meeting to choose one from among their own number, the three thus chosen to constitute and be the Building Committee. The Committee chosen is as follows: Herbert V. Hildreth, Oscar R. Spalding, Henry B. Read.

4. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to borrow the sum of \$15,000 at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually and to give therefor fifteen promissory notes of the Town in the principal sum of \$1,000 each of which the first shall be payable one year from the date thereof, the second two years therefrom and the third three years therefrom and so on, each note to be countersigned by the Board of Selectmen.

5. Voted to dismiss Article 5. This Article was in regard to leasing land of the B. & M. Railroad to widen the Brookside road.

6. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered in the name and behalf of the Town to enter into an agreement with Austin H. Foss of said Westford, whereby the Foss lot, so called, owned by said Foss and situated northeasterly of the new Academy lot, which has recently been surveyed by Smith & Brooks, shall be purchased by the Town at a price to be determined by three men, one to be chosen by Mr. Foss, one by said Board of Selectmen, and one by the two thus chosen, the decision of a majority of these men to be final and conclusive in all matters, including price.

Mr. Foss chose Frank C. Wright; the Board of Selectmen chose Alec Fisher; and William L. Woods was chosen by these two.

7. A note of thanks was extended to the Committee for their thorough investigation and report made at the meeting.

8. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.

9. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

Special Town Meeting, January 18, 1908.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Westford, Mass., qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, held at the Town House, January 18, 1908, the following business was transacted:

1. Sherman H. Fletcher chosen Moderator.
2. Voted that the Selectmen be and hereby are authorized and empowered to purchase and acquire, at an expense not to exceed \$2,200, such length of hose, hose carriages and other apparatus to be used in connection therewith for providing protection against fire as in their judgment may seem reasonable and proper, the apparatus and equipment in each of the three villages of Westford Centre, Graniteville and Forge Village to be the same.
3. Voted unanimously that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to borrow the sum of \$2,200 at a rate of interest not to exceed five per cent. per annum, and to give therefor four promissory notes of the Town, each in the principal sum of \$550 and payable in one, two, three and four years from the date thereof, with interest payable semi-annually, to be countersigned by the Selectmen, and the proceeds to be used in purchasing hose, hose carriages and other apparatus for providing protection against fire.
4. Voted to accept the minutes of the meeting.
5. Voted to dissolve the meeting.

State Election, November 5, 1907.

Party Designations: R., Republican; D., Democratic; P., Prohibition; S., Socialist; S. L., Socialist Labor; A. M., Anti-Merger; I. L., Independence League; I. C., Independent Citizens; D. C. N. P., Democratic Citizen Nom. Paper.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
Whole number of votes cast	128	83	46	54	311

GOVERNOR.

Charles W. Bartlett of Newton (A. M.)	3	1	1	1	6
Thomas F. Brennan of Salem (S. L.)..	0	0	1	0	1
John W. Brown of Worcester (S.) . . .	0	3	1	0	4
Henry S. Cowell of Ashburnham (P.) .	3	3	0	0	6
Curtis Guild, Jr. of Boston (R.)	91	38	25	29	183
Thomas L. Hisgen of West Springfield (I. L.)	6	13	5	16	40
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline (D.) .	20	15	11	4	50
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline (I. C.)	1	2	0	0	3
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline (D. C. N. P.)	1	3	0	1	5
Henry M. Whitney of Brookline	0	1	0	0	1
Blanks	3	4	2	3	12

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

E. Gerry Brown of Brockton (I. L.) . .	6	13	5	15	39
John T. Cahill of Lawrence (A. M.) . .	0	0	0	0	0
Eben S. Draper of Hopedale (R.) . . .	90	38	23	29	180
Walter J. Hoar of Worcester (S. L.) . .	1	0	1	0	2
Robert Lawrance of Clinton (S.)	0	2	2	0	4
Jonathan S. Lewis of Stoneham (P.) . .	3	3	0	0	6
George A. Schofield of Ipswich (D.) . .	21	18	11	3	53
Blanks	7	9	4	7	27

SECRETARY.

Solon M. Brigham of Newton (P.)	3	4	1	0	8
Odilon Z. E. Charest of Holyoke (D.) .	18	13	8	4	43
John Hall, Jr. of Chicopee (S.)	0	4	2	0	6
William M. Olin of Boston (R.)	92	39	23	29	183
Arthur E. Reimer of Boston (S. L.) . . .	1	0	1	0	2
Dennis J. Ring of Lowell (I. L.)	2	8	5	11	26
Blanks	12	15	6	10	43

TREASURER.

Albert Barnes of Fall River (S. L.) . . .	0	0	1	0	1
Edward J. Cantwell of Fall River (I. L.)	1	7	4	8	20
Arthur B. Chapin of Holyoke (R.) . . .	92	40	23	30	185
William P. Connery of Lynn (A. M.) . .	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel F. Doherty of Westfield (D.) . .	21	16	11	6	54
Charles C. Hitchcock of Ware (S.)	0	3	2	0	5
Edward Kendall of Cambridge (P.) . . .	4	3	0	0	7
Blanks	10	14	5	10	39

AUDITOR.

Joan Claudino of New Bedford (S. L.) . .	0	0	1	0	1
Joseph A. Conry of Boston (D.)	20	12	10	4	46
Thomas E. Finnerty of Clinton (I. L.) . .	1	8	4	7	20
George G. Hall of Boston (S.)	0	2	2	1	5
James F. Pease of Merrimac (P.)	3	4	1	0	8
Henry E. Turner of Malden (R.)	91	36	21	31	179
Blanks	13	21	7	11	52

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

Allen Coffin of Nantucket (P.)	3	3	2	0	8
Dana Malone of Greenfield (R.)	88	36	22	29	175
John McCarty of Abington (S.)	0	3	3	1	7
James E. McConnell of Boston (D.) . .	19	13	9	6	47
William N. Osgood of Lowell (I. L.) . .	4	7	4	9	24
Harvey H. Pratt of Scituate (A. M.) . .	0	0	0	0	0
Gilbert G. Smith of Lawrence (S. L.) . .	0	0	0	0	0
Blanks	14	21	6	9	50

COUNCILLOR.

Alvin L. Bennett of Westford (D.)	23	19	12	13	67
Seward W. Jones of Newton (R.)	91	37	30	29	187
William H. Partridge of Newton (P.) .	3	4	0	0	7
T. H. Hamblett of Westford	0	0	1	0	1
Blanks	11	23	3	12	49

SENATOR, SEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

William F. Curtin of Lowell (D.)	25	23	11	9	68
James Wilson Grimes of Reading (R.) .	91	37	29	30	187
Blanks	12	23	6	15	56

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT, ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

James P. Dunnigan of Chelmsford (D.) .	37	35	14	15	101
Edwin C. Perham of Chelmsford (R.) .	86	38	29	30	183
Blanks	5	10	3	9	27

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

Francis Bigelow of Natick (R.)	89	32	26	29	176
George A. DeLord of Acton (D.)	24	12	9	6	51
Austin B. Robbins of Cambridge (P.) .	2	7	1	0	10
George W. C. Smith of Somerville (I. L.)	1	6	4	6	17
Blanks	12	26	6	13	57

ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONERS.

James H. Christie of Newton (I. L.) . .	8	10	4	7	29
George B. Glidden of Waltham (I. L.)	5	11	2	8	26
Matthew H. Quick of Cambridge (P.) .	3	3	1	0	7
David T. Strange of Stoneham (R.) . .	78	30	22	16	146
Edward Everett Thompson of Woburn (R.)	69	23	19	22	133
Chas. A. Ward of Stoneham (P.)	1	3	1	0	5
Blanks	92	86	43	55	276

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

John J. Higgins of Somerville (I. L. & R.)	92	46	29	31	198
John J. McClure, Jr. of Lowell (D.) . . .	24	14	11	7	56
Blanks	12	23	6	16	57

SHERIFF.

John R. Fairbairn of Cambridge (R.) .	91	43	30	34	198
Albion A. Weeks of Cambridge (P.) . .	3	2	1	0	6
George W. Wilkins of Carlisle (D.) . . .	24	18	10	5	57
Blanks	10	20	5	15	50

Shall the proposed amendment to the Constitution authorizing the Governor with the consent of the Council to remove Justices of the Peace and Notaries Public be approved and ratified?

Yes	53	33	20	34	140
No	19	8	4	0	31
Blanks	56	42	22	20	140

RETURN OF VOTES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT FOR
ELEVENTH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT.

	Acton	Ayer	Carlisle	Chelms- ford	Littleton	West- ford	Total
James P. Dunnigan of Chelmsford	83	125	34	297	47	101	687
Edwin C. Perham of Chelmsford	175	171	35	260	89	183	913
Blanks	27	41	0	26	9	27	130
Whole number of ballots	285	337	69	583	145	311	1,730

Tree Warden's Report.

The Tree Warden of Westford respectfully submits the following report:

During the past year my work has consisted of the removal of shade trees which were dying, or wherever it was considered advisable for other reasons, and the trimming of trees in various parts of the town and along the highways where the branches interfered with passing vehicles.

JAMES SPINNER,
Tree Warden.

February 14, 1908.

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Westford, Mass., February 20, 1908.

As Sealer of Westford, I submit the following report for year 1907.

Number of hay scales	6
Number of platform scales	23
Number of counter scales	22
Number of spring balances	4
Total	55

LIQUID MEASURES.

Number of one gallon measures	3
Number of two quart measures	3
Number of one quart measures	3
Number of one pint measures	1
Total	10

DRY MEASURES.

Number of one peck measures	1
Total	1

ALBERT A. HILDRETH,
Sealer.

Assessors' Report.

Value of buildings exclusive of land, May 1, 1907	\$791,670.00
Value of land exclusive of buildings.....	455,670.00
Value of personal property	427,970.00

\$1,675,310.00

AMOUNTS RAISED.

Repair of roads and bridges.....	\$3,000.00
Town debts and charges	2,000.00
Public schools.....	6,500.00
High school purposes	-2,200.00
Support of poor	1,500.00
Carlisle road	1,500.00
Repairing sanitary condition of town hall	150.00
Improving common	100.00
Lighting town hall.....	1,200.00
Graniteville school	1,700.00

\$19,850.00

State Tax	2,440.00
County tax	2,152.63
State highway tax	162.20
Overlayings.....	878.20
Additional tax	55.38

\$25,538.41

Number of Polls	725
Houses	504
Horses	385
Cows	766
Swine.....	119
Neat Cattle.....	225
Fowls.....	3,985
Tax on one hundred dollars	1.50

Total valuation May 1, 1907	\$1,675,310.00
Total valuation May 1, 1906	1,648,119.00

Gain	\$27,191.00
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TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.
1906.

Belder, Michael	\$2.00
Belder, John	2.00
Brown, George	2.00
Brimmar, Everett S.	2.00
Bunker, George C.	2.00
Cotter, Richard	2.00
Champaigne, Louis	2.00
Cunniff, Patrick	2.00
Donoghoe, John	2.00
Feeney, Thomas	2.00
Foley, John	2.00
Halmquist, John	2.00
Hall, George	2.00
Johnson, Oscar	2.00
Kanlick, Watson	2.00
Kelleher, Daniel W.	2.00
Lamere, Joseph	2.00
Lampreaux, Arthur	2.00
Lord, Edward S.	2.00
Minot, William	2.00
Morton, Harry R.	2.00
McClusky, Michael	2.00
O'Brien, George	2.00
Orcutt, Frank	2.00
Parsons, Wilbert E., Veteran	14.00
Priveth, John	2.00
Plemenos, Peter	2.00
Smith, William	2.00
Skarmes, Thomas	2.00
Schanell, Arthur	2.00
Show, William D.	2.00
Zanke, Dominick	2.00
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	\$76.00

TAXES ORDERED ABATED BY THE ASSESSORS.
1907.

Adams, Charles L., Veteran.....	\$ 3.75
Boynton, Arthur G.	2.41
Boynton, Edson G.	2.25
Bellen, Peter.....	2.00
Burke, Daniel.....	2.00
Bicknell, Willard H.	2.00
Cate, Henry	2.00
Charlton, William J.	2.00
Cummings, Alvin L.	2.00
Cahill, Michael	2.00
Daily, Maurice	1.05
Day, Quincy W.....	3.00
Driscoll, Michael	2.00
Defoe, Fred.....	2.00
Dougherty, James	2.00
Decatur, Joseph	2.00
Elliott, Thomas H.	4.50
Fisher, Frederick A.	3.00
Hosmer, Francis, Veteran	17.00
Hall, Joseph	2.00
Hartford, John L.	2.00
Hinckley, Sylvanus	2.00
Kileck, Walter	2.00
Lekovish, James	2.00
LaCourt, William.....	2.00
McCluskey, Michael	2.00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh	15.00
Moran, Roscoe	2.00
Prackneck, John	2.00
Provost, Joseph	2.00
Peterson Bros.	6.00
Reddick, Lincoln A.	2.25
Smith, William.....	2.00

Amount carried forward \$104 21

Amount brought forward	\$104.21
Story, Henry M.	2.00
Stowell, Mary A. ....	.75
Trull, Charles M.	2.25
Taplin, C. F., Veteran.....	4.70
Wood, Nathaniel W.	2.00
Wayne, John	2.00
York, John	2.00
Sargent, Frederick G.—Error	24.00
	<hr/> \$143.91

SAMUEL L. TAYLOR,
J. W. FLETCHER,
CHAS. D. COLBURN,
Assessors of Westford.

Tax Collector's Report.

TAXES REMAINING UNCOLLECTED FEB. 20, 1908.

1906.

John H. Decatur	\$18 54
Samuel Fletcher estate	55 98
W. W. Johnson	19 05
John McIntosh	15 05
Lewis P. Palmer	3 56
Wm. E. Symmes	11 66
Walter W. Wyman	8 60
John Cartwright	6 00
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	\$138 44

1907.

G. Adinolfi	\$ 2 00
Lewis Allen	2 00
John Anderson	2 00
Frank Barretto	2 00
Thomas Bartlett	2 00
Veto Bavaro	2 00
Irvin Bennett	2 00
Charles H. Bicknell	21 80
John Boyd	3 87
William Brayley	2 00
Patrick Burns	2 00
Robert Burns	2 00
Thomas Burgoin	2 00
Joseph Butvina	2 00
James Calahan	2 00
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Amount carried forward	\$ 51 67

Amount brought forward	\$ 51 67
Thomas Carson	2 00
Peter Caperelli	2 00
Chamberlain & Co.	33 00
Charles Clark	2 00
Eusebe Comeau	2 00
Mr. Crish	2 00
James Daley	2 00
Nathaniel J. Decatur	4 02
C. R. P. Decatur	32 68
John H. Decatur	22 50
Wm. H. Decatur	80 69
Andrew Delico	2 00
Betola Delfavaro	2 00
Nicholas Desanter	2 00
Adelard Desaniero	2 00
Amie Dureault	3 87
John Dynoski	2 00
Hugh A. Ferguson	18 65
Harry N. Fletcher	164 22
Orlando A. Foster	15 95
Mrs. Sarah J. Foster	120 00
Sevene Fournier	2 00
Charles Gagnon	2 00
William Gladly	2 00
P. Grappelli	2 00
Fred Greenwood	2 00
Owen Hale	2 00
Christian Hanson	2 00
Aagus Hayes	2 00
Everett P. Jarvis	25 85
Paul Jasmis	31 15
W. W. Johnson	29 75
Erick Johnson	2 00
Frank L. Keyes	2 75
William F. Keyes	2 00
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$678 75

Amount brought forward	\$ 678 75
Watson Kaulic	2 00
Boscoe Landi	2 00
Burton M. Landers	2 00
William LaCourt	2 00
Hiram Leland	2 75
Frank Littlefield	2 00
P. Lorentino	2 00
Malcolm Lundberg	2 00
James Lyder	2 00
Vito Marco	2 00
Archille Martin	2 00
George Martin	2 00
Joseph Marshall	63 88
Joseph F. McCarty	2 00
Thomas McDonough	2 00
John McIntosh	34 49
K. B. McLeod	2 00
Herbert Mills	2 00
Oscar Milot	2 00
Severance Milot	2 00
Virgil C. Mitchell	37 29
Tony Molindari	2 00
Orrin H. Murray	2 00
John W. O'Brien	11 83
John O'Neil	2 00
Louis P. Palmer	147 35
Arthur B. Parrott	15 50
Wilbert E. Parsons	13 05
Mrs. Wilbert E. Parsons	34 50
Sandy Paschal	2 00
Joseph Pelkey	2 00
Thomas Rafferty	12 50
Michael F. Rafferty	2 00
John Ray	2 00
Ephraim Reed	2 00

Amount carried forward \$1,101 89

Amount brought forward	\$1,101 89
Charles L. Adams	10 12
John Cartwright.....	7 50
Chas. Wm. & Ephraim Reed	45
Clarence A. Reid	32 75
Thomas Recafito	2 00
Guiseppe Recafito	2 00
Albert Reeves.....	44 37
C. Rossasio	2 00
Salvatie Scarfio	2 00
Joseph H. Sears	2 00
David W. Sherman	9 13
Mrs. Charles F. Shugrue	33 37
Joseph Scarufa	2 00
Lewis Smith	2 00
Louis Spannola	2 00
Tim Sullivan.....	9 05
S. Sufferlo	2 00
Fred W. Swain	2 00
Mrs. Helen W. Swain	10 95
William Symmes	13 47
Joseph Trino.....	2 00
A. Tursnah	2 00
Peter Voyer	2 00
William E. Vickero	2 00
Dick Vanasise.....	2 00
Gee Valpicelli	2 00
New Valpicelli	2 00
Mrs. Sarah Whitney	43 35
Michael White	2 00
Walter W. Wyman	10 25
Isaac Wright heirs	2 25
Minot H. A. Evans	48 75
Abbie M. Evans	6 90
Anna G. Largey	75
Augustus W. Thompson	15
Amount carried forward	\$1,421 45

Amount brought forward	\$1,421 45
Francis Day	12 00
Salvation Army	75
M. M. Doyle	30
Peter Mollahan	7 50
Fred Naylor	1 50
Thomas F. Wright	75
Fred T. Hall	2 25
Charles E. Vinal	2 00
Edwin F. Carkin	2 00
Paid since audit	187 81
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	\$1,638 31

MOTH ASSESSMENT.

Lewis P. Palmer	\$9 74
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L. W. WHEELER,

Collector.

Selectmen's Report.

COMPENSATION OF TOWN OFFICERS.

TOWN TREASURER.

Nahum H. Wright, salary	\$ 100 00
Nahum H. Wright, extra time and expenses	133 00
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	\$ 233 00

TOWN CLERK.

Edward Fisher, salary	\$ 12 00
Recording 53 births at 50 cents each	26 50
" 24 marriages at 20 cents each	4 80
" 38 deaths at 20 cents each	7 60
Services at three special Town meetings	9 00
Attending Town Clerk's meeting at Ayer	3 00
Making out report	5 00
Postage, etc	1 15
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk pro tem and Counsel	31 75
Hobbs & Warren, record books, etc	5 38
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	\$ 106 18

SELECTMEN.

Oscar R. Spalding, salary	\$ 5 00
Making out State Aid Book	6 00
Making out 24 State Aid returns, under Chapter 79, Revised Law	6 00
Making out Town Report	15 00
Extra time and expenses	117 00
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	\$ 149 00
Edward M. Abbot, salary	\$ 5 00
Extra time and expenses	90 00
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	\$ 95 00

Wesley O. Hawkes, salary	\$ 5 00
Extra time and expenses	95 00
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	\$ 100 00

AUDITOR.

W. R. Taylor	\$ 45 00
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ASSESSORS.

Samuel L. Taylor, 42 days taking invoice and making taxes	\$105 00
Charles D. Colburn, 19 days taking invoice and making taxes	47 50
J. W. Fletcher, 26 days taking invoice and making taxes	65 00
George W. Southworth, books, notices, etc.....	5 75
Hobbs & Warren, books	3 00
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	\$226 25

TAX COLLECTOR.

Leonard W. Wheeler, collecting \$21,217.35 at 1 per cent	\$212 17
S. H. Fletcher, 1,000 envelopes	21 20
Ætna Indemnity Co., bond	40 00
Hobbs & Warren Co., books	7 50
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	\$280 87

CONSTABLE.

S. H. Balch, posting warrants	\$ 5 00
S. H. Balch, taking tramp to Town Farm	1 00
E. G. Boynton, posting warrants, killing dogs, and services as Constable	49 72
Ernest Dane, services	27 10
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	\$ 82 82

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Quincy W. Day, 10 meetings.....	\$ 20 00
J. Herbert Fletcher, 10	20 00
J. Everett Woods, 6	12 00
Charles L. Hildreth, 5 meetings	10 00
Charles L. Hildreth, Clerk of Board	5 00
Edward Fisher, 5 meetings	10 00
Edward Fisher, Clerk of Board	5 00
John A. Healy, use of hall	3 00
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	\$ 85 00

INSPECTOR OF MEAT.

William Green	\$ 94 50
Number of animals inspected, 980	
Number animals condemned, 19	

CATTLE INSPECTOR.

George T. Day	\$ 85 00
Received from State	\$42 50

TOWN COUNSEL.

Advice to Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Tree Warden, and Tax Collector. Advice and services in regard to contract with Westford Wa- ter Co. Examining title to Foss land. Pre- paring contract for repairing Cumming's hill ...	\$149 49
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TRUANT OFFICER.

John A. Healy	\$ 4 00
E. G. Boynton	6 60
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	\$ 10 60

PRECINCT OFFICERS, BALLOT CLERK, TELLERS, ETC.

Precinct One.

Walter A. Whidden, Teller, March, 1906-1907	\$ 2 00
Arthur E. Wilson, Inspector, Mar. and Nov., 1906 ..	6 00
Arthur E. Wilson, Teller, March, 1907	2 00
Albert A. Hildreth, Ballot Clerk	2 00
S. H. Balch, Warden, Nov., 1907	4 00
John M. Fletcher, Clerk	4 00
W. H. H. Burbeck, Teller and Inspector, 1907	5 00

\$ 25 00

Precinct Two.

Timothy D. Riney, Warden, 1906-1907	\$ 8 00
Hammett D. Wright, Teller	2 00
A. R. Wall, Warden	2 00
Frank Haley, Ballot Clerk, carrying ballot box	5 50
John A. Healy, use of hall	3 00
W. C. Wright, Clerk	4 00

\$ 24 50

Precinct Three.

A. B. Polley, Inspector	\$ 3 00
Samuel L. Taylor, Clerk	4 00
Charles M. Trull, Inspector	3 00
H. G. Osgood, Inspector	3 00
Michael McGlinchey, Warden	4 00
Michael McGlinchey, carrying ballot box	2 50
A. L. Reddick, carrying ballot box	2 50

\$ 22 00

Precinct Four.

George F. Irish, building ballot box and stalls and stock for same	\$ 7 70
Charles L. Hildreth, cash paid for record book, seal, etc	3 95

\$ 11 65

TREE WARDEN.

James Spinner, services	\$ 10 00
James Spinner, extra work	88 40
William Green, trimming trees, etc	47 00
Herbert Mills, trimming trees, etc	13 00
Willard Millis, trimming trees	12 80
W. E. Carkin, trimming trees	1 65
O. R. Spalding, teaming	2 00
O. R. Spalding, sending out Moth notices	6 00
John A. Healy, teaming	1 00
Wright & Fletcher, tools	3 42
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	\$185 27

MOTHS.

James Spinner	\$ 52 00
William Green	145 69
Herbert Mills	18 38
Harry L. Nesmith, Supt	456 61
Use of team	202 25
James O'Brien	243 41
John O'Brien	129 69
J. Jordan	226 10
C. Jasmin	68 44
John Jordan	25 08
J. McIntosh	148 17
H. Blaisdell	50 75
W. Sullivan	49 58
A. Jasmin	217 94
Donald McLeod	50 36
George Leland	2 92
Harry Hartford	29 94
Albert Heywood	32 00
John Taylor	9 14
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Amount carried forward	\$2,158 45

Amount brought forward	\$2,158 45
Fred Clement	45 70
Edgar Whitney	3 11
J. Crawford	1 75
J. Jean	3 50
Harry LeDuke	12 06
Theo Marsils	2 14
John Cornell	6 42
C. Brown	1 36
A. Martin	11 28
W. Whitney	6 61
J. Scott	58 63
P. Griffin	21 00
J. Leland	21 00
Thomas McCarty	21 13
Henry J. Healy	23 25
George McCarty	51 20
Thomas Sullivan	15 75
Wright & Fletcher, supplies	48 52
David Desmond	4 50
Frost Insecticide Co.	101 62
Joseph Breck & Co.	20 50
Collins Hardware Co.	6 85
Samuel Cabot	1 40
Bowker Insecticide Co.	1 20
Thompson Hardware Co.	3 00
Bartlett & Dow	3 00
A. W. Chesterton Co.	4 50
Jenny M'f'g. Co.	3 60
Stoddard, Haserick, Richards Co.	41 42
Freight	65
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	\$2,705 10

UNDERTAKERS.

George E. Gould, attending 22 funerals	\$ 44 00
George E. Gould, making 23 returns and permits . . .	5 75
John A. Healy, making 11 returns and permits	2 75
David L. Greig, attending 15 funerals	30 00
David L. Greig, making 8 returns and permits	2 00
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	\$ 84 50

POLICE.

S. H. Balch, services	\$ 5 00
W. A. Whidden; services	26 75
Frank Healy, services	5 00
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	\$ 36 75

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

A. B. Webber, Superintendent	\$800 00
A. B. Webber, hiring teachers, postage and telephone	24 00
Walter C. Wright, agent for supplies, cash paid for freight, express, labor, etc	101 94
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	3 25
Blodgett & Co., teaming supplies	3 90
Henry Healy, teaming supplies	1 00
Aaron Tuttle, teaming supplies	5 10
John A. Healy, teaming, books, etc	5 25
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	\$944 44

TOWN COMMON.

Ai Bicknell, care common and flag	\$ 34 00
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OVERSEERS OF POOR.

By orders (See Overseers' report)	\$1,627 08
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Albert A. Hildreth, services	\$ 25 00
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

By orders (See Board of Health report)	\$322 59
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SCHOOLHOUSE REPAIRS AND ARTICLES
FURNISHED.

CENTRE SCHOOL.

A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	\$8 65
Aaron Tuttle, cleaning yard	1 20
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	2 50
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	\$12 35

STONY BROOK SCHOOL.

W. C. Wright, as per bill	\$ 35
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FORGE VILLAGE SCHOOL.

Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	\$ 3 51
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	13 45
Robertson & Co., as per bill	1 75
John Spinner, cash paid for express, etc	1 40
John A. Healy, cleaning vault	4 00
Westford Water Co.	23 60
Grant Jewelry Co., 1 clock	5 50
W. C. Wright, as per bill	2 31
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	\$55 52

GRANITEVILLE SCHOOL.

Derby & Morse, batteries	\$ 1 00
Grant Jewelry Co., clock	5 50
Joe Wall, painting and stock	32 40
Masury Young Co., nodusto	16 50
Henry Healy, broom, soap, etc	3 80
Thompson Hardware & Paint Co., wheelbarrow	2 25
John A. Healy, cleaning vault.....	4 00
Robertson & Co., chair	2 00
Blodgett & Co., as per bill	12 75
Westford Water Co.	11 70
W. C. Wright, as per bill	4 67
E. F. Hathaway, cards	1 00

 \$97 57

Fuller & Warren Co., installing, heating and ven- tilating apparatus	\$1,698 00
Appropriation, \$1,700.00	

PARKERVILLE SCHOOL.

Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	\$11 97
J. H. Colburn, painting and stock	48 50
Conant & Co., shingles, etc	29 02
D. J. McLeod, labor	65
O. R. Spalding, lumber.....	6 60

 \$96 74

MINOT'S CORNER SCHOOL.

Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	\$ 65
Conant & Co., shingles, etc	10 50
James D. Wilson, labor	6 80
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., as per bill	1 90
Bartlett & Dow, lock	50

 \$20 35

NABNASSETT SCHOOL.

Blodgett & Co., as per bill	\$ 85
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Eighth Grade.

Ai Bicknell, Janitor	\$15 00
A. H. Sutherland, labor	3 05
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	4 00
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	\$22 05

ACADEMY.

William E. Perkins, cash paid for graduation ex- penses	\$30 63
Page Catering Co., dinner	56 25
W. C. Wright, as per bill	65
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	\$87 53

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Dr. C. A. Blaney	\$50 00
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INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL BUILDING.

Warren L. Floyd, examining old buildings	\$ 8 30
Edwin L. Woods, examining old buildings	5 00
Carl V. Badger, architect	75 00
Smith & Brooks, surveying	29 50
H. V. Hildreth, cash paid for express	1 60
O. R. Spalding, setting bounds	1 00
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	\$120 40

Appropriation, \$300.00

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Edward E. Babb & Co.	\$425 37
Ginn & Co.	17 22
Milton, Bradley Co.	50 08
Carter Ink Co.	1 25
Rumford Supply Co.	8 40
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.	68 50
Talbot Dyewood & Chemical Co.	55
Silver Burdett Co.	110 30
Briggs & Briggs	2 93
B. H. Sanborn & Co.	14 40
J. & I. E. Moore	8 00
Educational Publishing Co.	90
J. L. Hammett Co.	41 50
C. G. Sargent & Son	1 75
Thomas Lawler	75
Rand, McNally & Co.	4 62
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	\$756 52

Appropriation, \$700.00

J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Mary P. Bunce, Librarian, Feb. 1, 1907 to Feb. 1, 1908	\$300 00
Mary P. Bunce, extra work, cash paid for express, freight, etc	109 30
Ai Bicknell, Janitor from Feb. 1, 1907 to Feb. 1, 1908	149 50
Ai Bicknell, extra work	3 80
C. E. Whidden, express	7 95
Thomas H. Lawler, paste, ink, pens, etc	4 00
C. B. Coburn Co., floor wax, etc	7 15
Library Bureau, book truck	25 00
Samuel Ward Co., stationery	5 80
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	32 32
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Amount carried forward	\$644 82

Amount brought forward	\$644 82
George E. Felch, plants	5 30
Wright & Fletcher, coal, oil, pipe, etc.	161 85
W. J. Merritt, sawing wood	1 25
Chamberlain & Co., 2 screens	3 00
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasoline	29 16
H. W. Tarbell, labor, and car fare	22 72
Westford Water Co.	10 20
H. H. Wilder & Co., labor on furnace	4 65
O. R. Spalding, wood	17 50
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	\$900 45

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS.

W. H. H. Burbeck, delivering and collecting books .	\$50 00
W. E. Symmes, delivering and collecting books	23 10
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	\$73 10

PRINTING.

Courier-Citizen Co., 700 copies Town Reports and 50 copies School Reports	\$236 88
Courier-Citizen Co., special ballots, posters and no- tices	16 00
Courier-Citizen Co., 3 receipt books	2 75
Courier-Citizen Co., envelopes and cards	2 75
Courier-Citizen Co., order books, warrants, station- ery, etc	97 12
G. B. Lenfest, printing copies of proposals for building road in Westford	28 25
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks	1 95
Chamberlain & Co., programs, envelopes, etc	14 22
Huntley S. Turner, poll tax lists, etc	13 25
The Buckland Printing Co., envelopes	4 30
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	\$417 47

MEMORIAL DAY.

By order Veteran Association	\$150 00
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EXPENSE OF FIRST DISTRICT COURT AT AYER.

E. G. Boynton, services	\$27 32
Frank Healy, services	4 30
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	\$31 62

Received from fines, \$19.96

INSURANCE.

Pennsylvania, Library books, etc	\$ 75 00
New Hampshire, New Schoolhouse	300 00
Boston, Graniteville Schoolhouse	90 00
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	\$465 00

TOWN HOUSE.

John Feeney, Janitor from Feb. 1, 1907 to Feb. 1, 1908	\$150 00
John Feeney, cash paid for cleaning Hall	33 10
Wright & Fletcher, coal	78 66
A. H. Sutherland, stock and labor	32 31
J. Herbert Fletcher, oil, soap, etc	14 00
Brownell Mason Co., repairing furnace	18 28
M. J. Woods, sawing wood	3 00
Gilmer Stone, sawing wood	5 00
W. E. Carkin, repairing settees	1 50
Chamberlain & Co., as per bill	1 40
Mrs. A. J. Abbot, cash paid for toilet articles	9 75
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	15 27
Gilbert Barker Co., gasoline	115 27
Angus McDonald, cleaning cellar and yard	13 50
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	\$491 04

INCOME FROM TOWN HOUSE.

Rent of armory due from State	\$ 87 50
Rent of building	171 25
Thomas H. Murphy, plumbing	\$215 50
P. Henry Harrington, as per contract	248 00
Joe Wall, painting	12 00
Westford Water Co.	23 50
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	\$499 00

Appropriation, \$500.00

Gilbert Barker Mfg. Co., lighting	\$1,072 80
John A. Healy, labor and stock	68 75
Pearl Harmon, labor and stock	57 30
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	\$1,198 85

Appropriation, \$1,200.00

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

As authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

James A. Graham, Feb. 1, 1907 to Feb. 1, 1908	\$96 00
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MILITARY AID.

Gilbert A. Hood, Feb. 1, 1907 to Feb. 1, 1908	\$240 00
Thomas V. Quinn, Apr. 1, 1907 to Aug. 1, 1907	80 00

BURIAL OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

Burial of Thomas V. Quinn	\$37 00
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STATE AID.

To Soldiers and Sailors and families of same, as authorized by Chapter 79, Revised Laws, as amended by Acts of 1904, Chapter 381.

From Jan. 1, 1907 to Jan. 1, 1908 \$696 00

PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

By order \$250 00
See Commissioner's Report.

GUIDE POSTS AND GUIDE BOARDS.

The following report on guide posts and guide boards is submitted:

We have painted and lettered 8 guide boards with proper designation and name of street.

The expense has been as follows:

Joe Wall, painting and lettering 8 guide boards \$10 20

FOREST FIRES.

The following expense has occurred:

Thomas O. Sullivan, several fires	\$ 5 60
John Feeney, at land of M. F. Downs	75
John A. Healy, at land of M. F. Downs	2 25
H. E. & E. H. Gould, at land of Fletcher & Downs .	4 70
John A. Healy, several fires	8 10
C. M. Griffin and others at land of Griffin, Smith and Sweetser	20 95

On August 13th, a fire started in woodland near Morris Daly's land, and burned for four days.

Following expenses occurred:

Walter Whidden and others	87 70
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Amount carried forward	<u>\$130 05</u>
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Amount brought forward	\$130 05
Edward Eaton	4 80
Albert Reeves	3 20
Wm. C. Edwards and others	22 60
E. G. Boynton	8 80
Albert Prescott	5 40
Otis L. Wright and others	25 87
J. W. Fletcher	3 00
Lester Prescott	9 80
H. E. Fletcher & Co.	10 34
John A. Healy	12 00
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	\$235 86

FIRES—DWELLING HOUSES AND OTHER BUILDINGS.

October 12—House of Mrs. Rachael Reed. Value of building
\$1,200.00. Insurance \$800.00.

Sept.—Barn of Ernest Mountain. Value of building \$150.00.
No insurance.

Jan. 22—Camp of J. Bowers. Value unknown.

The following expense has occurred:

H. V. Hildreth, expenses at Reed fire	\$12 50
C. G. Sargent Sons, expenses at Reed fire	7 50
J. A. Healy, expenses at Reed fire	17 75
J. A. Healy, expenses at Mountain fire	4 00
George O. Jackson, expenses at Mountain fire	4 00
J. A. Healy, expenses at Bowers' camp	9 75
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	\$55 50

BROOKSIDE FIRE HOUSE.

A. H. Sutherland, building as per contract	\$84 00
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., pumps, ladders, etc .	54 30
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	\$138 30

Appropriation, \$250.

EXPENSES ENFORCING THE LIQUOR LAW.

E. G. Boynton, services	\$ 5 50
L. W. Wheeler, services	3 00
W. C. Whidden, services	10 25
Ernest Dane, services	33 50
John Feeney, services	15 80
Edward Fisher, legal advice	5 00
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	\$73 05

Received from fines, \$94.38.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Sherman H. Fletcher, postage for Town Reports ...	\$ 20 00
Dr. F. E. Varney, return of 11 births	2 75
Dr. J. W. Godfrey, return of 6 births	1 50
F. A. Smith, dinner for election officers	6 50
Adams Hardware & Paint Co., pumps, shovels, etc ..	53 70
John Feeney, cash paid for wheel grease	50
Timothy Driscoll, land damage	15 00
Fred Drew, cleaning pond	2 00
Good Roads Machinery Co.	17 00
David L. Greig, cover for hearse	6 08
John Feeney, cash paid for pails for fire house	8 50
C. G. Sargent Estate, abatement of taxes	33 75
Lucy A. Keyes, abatement of taxes	1 02
Dr. W. H. Sherman, return of 39 births	9 00
G. F. Stiles, collecting taxes	2 00
Dr. A. G. Scaboria, return of 2 births	50
O. R. Spalding, lumber	10 68
Wright & Fletcher, as per bill	7 84
Thomas Rafferty, stone	1 00
Harry Ingalls, as per bill	1 50
Howard L. Wright, appraising property at Town Farm	3 00
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Amount carried forward	\$203 82

Amount brought forward	\$203 82
Charles A. Blodgett, appraising property at Town Farm	2 00
Alec Fisher, appraising property at Town Farm ..	2 00
George Burke, cutting brush	6 00
John O. Riley, as per bill	2 72
William C. Edwards, repairing bridge	8 87
M. W. Jenkins, blacksmithing	5 25
F. E. Miller, blacksmithing	4 28
Chelmsford Foundry Co., grate	4 34
John A. Healy, drain pipe	21 40
American Express Co.....	1 75
C. E. Whidden, freight and teaming	8 70
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	\$271 13

SNOW ROLLERS.

George W. Tibbitts, two snow rollers.....	\$200 00
Freight	21 62
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	\$221 62

Appropriation, \$250.00.

EXPENSES PAID ON ACCOUNT OF WIDENING
MAIN STREET.

Timothy Driscoll, land damage	\$500 00
Janet Carmichael, land damage	100 00
Louis P. Palmer, land damage	50 00
Albert R. Reeves, damage	15 00
P. Henry Harrington, building fence as per contract	86 75
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	\$751 75

The above items and the items shown in the last Town Report represent the cost of widening Main street. The Lowell & Fitchburg St. Ry. Co. objected to paying one-half of this sum, claiming that the expense incurred was excessive. By an agreement made with the Company the Town is to receive the sum of \$2,250 in full settlement of this expenditure and in adjustment of certain other differences that have since arisen.

GRADING CUMMING'S HILL.

J. A. Healy, as per contract	\$600 00
Received from Lowell and Fitchburg Street Railway Co.	\$600 00

CARLISLE ROAD.

H. W. Tarbell, as per contract	\$2,420 39
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ROAD DEPARTMENT.

The bills show the month that payment was made, but not the month the work was performed or expense incurred.

MAY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	101 50
Alexander McDonald, team	170 00
Philip Gerrow, labor	34 81
Anthony Martin, labor	34 81
Archie Martin, labor	32 82
Joe Tousignant, labor	33 64
John Painton, labor	18 67
Henry E. Shorey, team	78 50
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	\$564 75

JUNE.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	179 39
Alexander McDonald, teams	42 76
Archie Martin, labor	40 64
Fred Hoar, labor	15 02
C. H. Bicknell, team	7 00
Joseph Tousignant, labor	10 90
Hugene Delorey, labor	8 75
Philip Gerrow, labor	29 75
A. Cote, labor	31 93
John Painton, labor	39 37
Archie Martin, labor	40 25
Mrs. Mary Brigham, team	40 50
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	\$546 26

JULY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	200 26
Mrs. Mary Brigham, team	18 00
Anthony Martin, labor	1 75
Alexander McDonald, team	9 00
Allmenata Cote, labor	40 65
Imile Delaurins, labor	7 00
Henry E. Shorey, team	78 75
John Jean, labor	8 75
Archie Martin, labor	28 97
Hugene Delorey, labor	39 47
Harminigile Brule, labor	35 40
John Painton	25 47
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	\$553 47

AUGUST.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	231 78
Alexander McDonald, teams	94 50
Dulis Clepus, labor	3 50
Imile Delimins, labor	41 42
Allementa Cote, labor	41 42
Hugene Delorey, labor	15 75
Peter Guybow, labor	3 50
John Jean, labor	14 50
Tom McCarty, labor	23 72
Tom Leland, labor	3 50
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	\$533 59

SEPTEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	275 00
Alexander McDonald, teams	45 00
John La Breche, labor	19 25
Allementa Cote, labor	21 00
Wilson Glod, labor	19 25
Peter Guybow, labor	46 48
S. Julis, labor	44 73
Tom McCarty, labor	43 57
Imile Delaurins, labor	12 83
George Whitney, team	22 50
H. Brule, labor	17 50
E. G. Boynton, team	13 50
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	\$640 61

OCTOBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	183 39
Felix Le Clair, labor	19 69
John La Breche, labor	32 82
Imile Delaurins, labor	3 50
Peter Guybow, labor	18 82
Donat Vincent, labor	21 88
Anthony Martin, labor	35 00
Alexander McDonald, teams	36 00
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	\$411 10

NOVEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	213 25
William Wright, team	13 50
Anthony Martin, labor	45 00
Imile Delaurins, labor	41 13
Donat Vincent, labor	39 38
John LaBreche, labor	36 75
B. Dathok, labor	5 20
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	\$454 21

DECEMBER.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$ 60 00
Angus McDonald, teams	105 22
Imile Delaurins, labor	40 69
Anthony Martin, labor	46 50
Donat Vincent, labor	40 69
John LaBreche, labor	5 25
John Payne, labor	1 98
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	\$300 33

JANUARY.

G. Johnson, labor	\$ 3 50
Imile Delaurins, labor	13 13
Donat Vincent, labor	8 75
Anthony Martin, labor	15 00
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	\$40 38

FEBRUARY.

Angus McDonald, Superintendent	\$18 75
Angus McDonald, teams	40 50
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	\$59 25

GRAVEL.

Peter Bick, 106 loads	\$ 5 30
Angus McDonald, 80 loads	4 00
Charles Walker, 122 loads	6 10
John McMasters, 53 loads	2 65
Calvin Howard, 720 loads	36 00
Mark Morrison, 129 loads	6 45
Frank Drew, 675 loads	33 75
J. Henry Fletcher, 647 loads	32 35
Mary E. Woods, 19 loads	95
Charles W. Hildreth, 11 loads	55
Fred Snow, 62 loads	3 10
Alvin J. Blaisdell, 47 loads	2 35
Paul Jasmin, 8 loads	40
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	\$133 95

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of Road Department: 1 set of heavy harness, 2 carts, 1 sled, 4 whiffletrees and chains, 2 spread chains, 4 horse collars, 1 wrench, 1 wagon jack, 2 heavy chains, 1 stone lifter, 1 pair hand splices, 6 rakes, 6 shovels, 1 manure fork, 6 stone forks, 3 plows, 10 blasting drills, 1 drill spoon, 6 plug drills, lot of shims and wedges, 4 bush snaths, 4 bush scythes, 1 axe, 5 lanterns, 1 oil can, 1 tool box, 3 large hoes, 6 picks, 6 iron bars, 1 pinch bar, 1 hand hammer, 2 striking hammers, 2 stone hammers, 2 stable blankets, 2 street blankets, 2 stone drags, 2 yokes, 1 old road scraper, 1 gravel screen, 2 mattocks, 1 pail, 1 post spoon, 1 post hole digger, 2 feed bags, 1 trowel, 1 paving hammer, 1 set of heavy harness reins, 1 new road scraper, 3 snow rollers.

Expended on roads	\$4,237 90
Appropriation	\$4,000 00

BREAKING ROADS.

J. T. Colburn	\$ 10 00
H. E. & E. H. Gould	9 60
Henry M. Kabele	1 30
Edgar Whitney	3 40
R. D. Prescott	6 00
M. J. Wood	3 50
David Sherman	7 95
George W. Whitney	40 50
N. J. Decatur	10 00
A. Swanson	6 60
L. F. Eliason	9 40
John Payne	11 50
Fred Clement	60
Angus McDonald	18 50
E. G. Boynton	4 00
James O'Brien	15 80
Amount carried forward	<hr/> \$158 65

Amount brought forward	\$158 65
Wm. C. Edwards	1 20
David L. Greig	4 80
C. M. Griffin	6 75
E. P. Jarvis	7 60
L. W. Jenkins	2 00
Reuben Salle	3 20
Alexander McDonald	2 03
A. H. Burnham	17 75
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett	4 60
A. W. Decatur	6 00
Morris Daly	2 00
Edward Murphy	16 25
C. F. Shugrue	2 55
M. F. Downs	6 00
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	\$241 38

Schedule of property belonging to the Town for use of the Moth Department: 6 pairs of climbing irons, two 14-foot poles, wire cutters, six 16-foot poles, 12 bug hooks and poles, 4 extension butt poles, 4 bush snaths, 5 bush scythes, 5 wire brushes, 5 P and C tubes, 1 burning outfit, 1 spray pump, 2 spraying rods, 100 feet cotton hose, 6 brush hooks, 3 brush cutters, 1 lot burlap, 1 burlap knife, 4 axes, 6 pitch forks, 3 saws, two 40-foot extension ladders, one 16-foot ladder, 100 pounds arsenic of lead.

ESTIMATES FOR 1908-1909.

In making these estimates for the amount of money asked for to be raised or appropriated at the annual meeting, we have placed under the head of each department the amount that is asked for by that department.

SELECTMEN.

Highways	\$4,000 00
Town debts and charges	5,500 00
Gypsy and brown-tail moths	800 00

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Support of poor	\$1,600 00
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Support of schools	\$7,000 00
For High School purposes	2,300 00
Text books and supplies for schools	700 00
Superintendent, repair of school buildings	825 00
Deficit for 1907-1908	600 00
School physician	50 00
Graduation exercises, Westford Academy	50 00

TRUSTEES J. V. FLETCHER LIBRARY.

Books.....	\$150 00
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COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC BURIAL GROUNDS.

Public burial grounds	\$250 00
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Total number of orders, 520.

Total amount of orders, \$25,919.60.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
EDWARD M. ABBOT,

Selectmen of Westford.

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

NAME.	OCCUPATION.
Joseph Banister,	Machinist.
Charles A. Blodgett,	Farmer.
Charles T. Brooks,	Carpenter.
George H. Burke,	Farmer.
Warren E. Carkin,	Engineer.
Ernest H. Dane,	Painter.
John Feeney,	Harness Maker.
Elbert H. Flagg,	Farmer.
Francis L. Fletcher,	Retired Merchant.
Henry A. Fletcher,	Stone Contractor.
J. Willard Fletcher,	Farmer.
Austin H. Foss,	Farmer.
George Q. Gilson,	Machinist.
Frank Haley,	Teamster.
P. Henry Harrington,	Contractor.
Alfred W. Hartford,	Clerk.
Albert W. Heywood,	Fireman.
Albert A. Hildreth,	Farmer.
William E. Hosmer,	Section Hand.
George A. Kimball,	Farmer.
Joseph E. Knight,	Wheelwright.
William O. McDonald,	Farmer.
Henry J. Murphy,	Farmer.
Houghton G. Osgood,	Farmer.
Amos B. Polley,	Farmer.
Nelson L. Prescott,	Farmer.
Frederic E. Reed,	Bookkeeper.
Fred A. Smith,	Bottler.
Thomas O. Sullivan,	Farmer.
Thomas E. Symmes,	Farmer.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
EDWARD M. ABBOT,

February 15, 1908.

Selectmen of Westford.

Board of Health.

The Board of Health respectfully submit the following report for the year ending February 15th, 1908.

The board organized as follows: Chairman, Wesley O. Hawkes; Agents, Albert A. Hildreth and Wesley O. Hawkes; Clerk, Edward M. Abbot; Undertakers, John A. Healy and David L. Greig.

Our town again has been favored by a general degree of health. Although several cases of contagious diseases, scarlet fever has been most prevalent, most cases were of a light form, and at the present time the disease seems to have gone out entirely.

The prompt report to the Agents by our Physicians when and where there is an infectious case, so the home may be quarantined, is a safeguard to the public. Our Doctors have favored us by so doing.

There seems to be an improvement in the sanitary condition. We are pleased to say the people are using greater care by looking after their drains and sewers. Also the yards, front and back of homes, are kept more tidy. Yet there may be more improvement along this line.

We now have one of the best water systems in our Commonwealth. When this water may be piped into the houses, many have already done so, fortunate we are for having such blessing as good water sent to our doors. Every home possible should have it. We truly believe it is one great secret to health.

CONTAGIOUS AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES FOR THE YEAR.

	Number.	No. Deaths.
Scarlet Fever	19	—
Typhoid Fever	2	—
Diphtheria	1	—
Measles	5	—
Tuberculosis	5	3

EXPENSES.

W. O. Hawkes, Agent	\$ 35 00
A. A. Hildreth, Agent	33 78
Dr. W. J. Sleeper	58 40
Dr. W. H. Sherman	28 00
Dr. C. A. Blaney	48 75
O. R. Spalding, services	3 00
E. M. Abbot, services	5 00
Falls & Burkinshaw, formaldehyde	11 00
Hartwell & Hosmer, provisions	13 70
W. E. Parsons, milk	4 68
Chamberlain & Co., groceries	22 54
Mrs. Joseph Wilkerson, quarantine	17 78
William Hosmer, quarantine	29 25
Blodgett & Co., groceries	8 79
C. A. & F. R. Blodgett, milk	2 92
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	\$322 59

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
EDWARD M. ABBOT,
Board of Health.

Library Report.

The Trustees of the J. V. Fletcher Public Library respectfully submit the following report for the year ending March 1, 1908:

The most important change made during the past year in the general routine work of the Library was the introduction last March of the new method of charging books to borrowers. This new method is not only much more convenient for the Librarian, but a more accurate account of the books loaned can be kept by it than by the old system. The Librarian's report shows that the circulation is not quite as large this year as in the past. This is easily accounted for by the fact that the Library was closed for a longer time than usual last spring while preparation was made for the new charging system, and also because no books have been sent to Graniteville since the last of December, owing to the prevalence of scarlet fever in that village. All books which were in circulation in Graniteville at the time the delivery there was discontinued have been collected and duly disinfected, and the delivery of books will be resumed as soon as all danger from contagion in that district is past.

Among the books added during the past year, special mention should be made of a valuable set of twelve volumes on Home Economics and several volumes on farming and gardening.

We wish to express our gratitude, in behalf of the Town, to Mr. E. M. Raymond of Charlestown, Mass., for presenting to the Library a large oil painting, "The Crusaders," in memory of our late townsman, William Edwin Frost, who served the Town so faithfully through many years as Trustee of the Library. Among other gifts should be mentioned a large U. S. flag, and a vase and two banners of Japanese workmanship, also due to the generosity of Mr. Raymond.

The town water has been put into the Library, thus insuring a permanent supply of good water. Also two Badger Fire Extinguishers have been added.

Owing to the unavoidable lateness of the return made by the Town Treasurer each year of the amount of money received for dog licenses, and also to the variability of this amount, it has seemed best to the Trustees to defer the midwinter purchase of books until the beginning of the new financial year, when the exact amount of money available is known. This accounts for the large balance on hand.

We recommend that the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) be raised and appropriated in addition to the sum received for dog licenses in 1908, for the purchase of books and periodicals during the ensuing year.

WILLIAM A. PERKINS, Chairman.
WALTER C. WRIGHT,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 1, 1907	\$164 93
Appropriation.....	150 00
Dividend from Stone fund	40 40
Dividend from Augustus Fletcher fund	40 00
Dividend from Laws fund	40 00
Dog licenses	324 02
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	\$759 53

PAYMENTS.

Old Corner Book Store, books	\$239 11
Tabard Inn Library, books	5 40
National Education Association	2 00
New York Times, subscription	1 00
Kenyon News & Postal S. Co., magazines.....	66 80
David Farquhar, binding	67 20
Library Art Club	6 00
Library Bureau, supplies	23 96
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	\$411 47
Balance on hand	348 06
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	\$759 53

T. W. Balch, Philadelphia, one volume.
 John Felch, two volumes.
 Charles Chamberlain, two volumes, photographs, maps, etc.
 Dennis Reardon, S. Boston, one pamphlet.
 Charles O. Prescott, two volumes.
 J. L. Hildreth, M. D., Cambridge, one volume.
 Mrs. Hiram Whitney, two volumes of a magazine.
 Miss Kate Hamlin, San Francisco, one magazine.
 Miss Rebecca E. Luce and Miss Miranda G. Luce, fifty-seven
 volumes, fourteen volumes of magazines, fifty-four pam-
 phlets.
 Mrs. George T. Day, one volume, five magazines, old records.
 Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, one volume.

Articles for the Historical Room have been given by Mrs. Josephine M. Barnard, Miss Grace Lawrence and Master Asa Swain.

EXHIBITS OF PICTURES FROM THE LIBRARY ART CLUB.

Paris, Switzerland, Representative Art, Pompeii, South Kensington, National Gallery, English Photogravures, Japan, Evangeline, Sicily, New England, Florence.

PERIODICALS SUBSCRIBED FOR.

Harper's, Century, Scribner's, Forum, North American Review, Bookman, Atlantic Monthly, Popular Science Monthly, Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews, Littell's Living Age, McClure's, Library Journal, St. Nicholas, Munsey, New England, Harper's Weekly, Leslie's Weekly, Success, Annals, Reader's Guide to Periodicals, Book Review Digest, Scientific American, Suburban Life, World's Work, New York Times Review.

In addition to these the Outlook has been supplied by Miss Ruth Fisher; the Ladies' Home Journal, Good Housekeeping and Congregationalist by Mrs. Leonard W. Wheeler; the Chris-

tian Register by the "Woman's Alliance;" the Youth's Companion by Master Marden Seavey; the Rhodora by Mrs. Hiram Whitney; the Christian Science Sentinel and the Christian Science Journal by the "Society of Christian Science" of Concord, Mass.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

TOWN FARM RECEIPTS.

Milk	\$1,263 17	
Wood	111 50	
Hay	85 95	
Thomas Carney board.....	72 10	
Potatoes	64 63	
Labor	59 25	
Cows	63 50	
Cranberries	40 75	
Pork	36 65	
Atwood L. Dearborn, reimbursement for burial of Asa Dearborn	31 50	
Calves	20 50	
Rent.....	12 00	
Eggs	11 50	
Use of bull	8 50	
Fire Warden	8 80	
Vinegar	5 28	
Apples	4 00	
Use of telephone	3 75	
Keeping prisoners	4 00	
Breaking roads	4 00	
Sacks	2 32	
Barrels	1 30	
Tobacco	2 25	
Old iron	1 50	
Grindstone	1 25	
Use of boat	1 50	
Constable	191 96	
	<hr/>	\$2,117 55
Cash on hand Feb. 12, 1907.....		4 54
Drawn from Town Treasurer		985 00
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		\$3,107 09

TOWN FARM PAYMENTS.

E. G. Boynton, salary from Jan. 1, 1907 to Jan. 1, 1908	\$400 00
Mrs. E. G. Boynton, salary as Matron from Jan. 1, 1907 to Jan. 1, 1908 ...	100 00
Grain	556 76
Labor	485 92
Groceries	324 85
Cows	277 00
Meat	113 36
Coal	94 45
Fertilizer	67 30
Butter	66 64
Cutting corn and filling silo	56 28
Pigs	32 00
Burial of Asa Dearborn	31 50
Cutting wood	30 45
Telephone	26 60
Blacksmith and wheelwright work	27 93
Steel sheathing and putting on same	25 35
Dry goods	24 74
Clothing for inmates	15 37
W. J. Sleeper, M. D.	18 40
Hardware	19 29
Medical supplies	19 02
Plumbing	15 05
Fish	19 17
Sundries	12 80
Seed corn and potatoes	10 50
Grass and garden seeds	7 83
Harness work	9 90
Pasturing cows	9 90
Paint	10 98
Tobacco	8 54
Ice	9 68

Amount carried forward \$2,927 56

Amount brought forward		\$2,927 56
New saw	8 00	
Car fares	4 70	
Veterinary surgeon	3 50	
Fire Warden	3 50	
Expense to State Farm	4 05	
Killing hogs	3 50	
Making cider	3 72	
Repairing sulky plow and hay tedder ...	4 55	
Lumber	2 44	
Cider barrels	2 30	
Freight	2 54	
Wall paper	2 14	
Sawing lumber	2 15	
Grindstone	1 75	
Express	1 75	
Filing saws	1 00	
Repairing clock	1 00	
E. G. Boynton, services and expenses as Constable	121 32	
	<hr/>	\$3,101 47
Cash on hand Feb. 8, 1908.....		5 62
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		\$3,107 09
Cash on hand Feb. 12, 1907.....	\$ 4 54	
Cash received from Town Treasurer	985 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 989 54
Cash on hand Feb. 8, 1908.....		5 62
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Net expense at Town Farm		\$ 983 92

PERSONS SUPPORTED AT THE TOWN FARM.

	Age.	Admitted.
Caroline A. Perham	84.....	Jan. 23, 1894
Varnum T. Fletcher	65.....	Mar. 28, 1901
Mary E. Cowdrey	49.....	Feb. 24, 1900
Sarah J. Ingalls	45.....	Mar. 22, 1905

Number of tramps lodged and fed, 14.

PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF OUTDOOR POOR.

Paid Alexander Courtney, aid to Joseph Dexter	\$ 52 00
State Hospital bill, board of Alice Jackson	36 00
G. E. Gould, burial of Alice Jackson	37 79
Town of Groton, aid to Chas. H. Hall	66 32
Town of Groton, burial of Chas. H. Hall	25 00
City of Lowell, aid to James Corrigan	5 00
J. Herbert Fletcher, groceries for Wm. H. Heald	2 00
David L. Greig, burial of Herbert A. Mills	10 00
Blodgett & Co., groceries for Mrs. Alma Anderson and family	58 57
E. G. Boynton, wood for Mrs. Alma Anderson . . .	4 50
W. J. Sleeper, M. D., aid to Mrs. Alma Anderson and family	60 60
aid to Ernest Mountain and family	67 60
aid to Joseph Dexter	26 40
aid to Mrs. Chas. Baker	13 80
aid to Augustina Pagalatta	5 00
aid to Joseph A. Heroux	8 50
aid to Alice Heroux	5 50
aid to Ida Reed, child of Ephriam Reed	3 50
W. H. Sherman, M. D., aid to Martin Sinkewich .	29 00
aid to Josie Provost	50 00
aid to Augustina Pagalatta	20 00
A. R. Choate, salary as Overseer of Poor	10 00
A. H. Burnham, salary as Overseer of Poor	10 00
C. L. Hildreth, salary as Overseer of Poor	10 00
extra time and expense	15 00
making reports to State	5 00
making report to Town	5 00
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	\$642 08

REIMBURSEMENTS.

Received from State on account of Joseph Dexter.....		\$ 70 78
State on account of Mrs. Charles Baker		13 80
John C. and James Jackson for burial of Alice Jackson		37 79
Martin Sinkewich on ac- count of his expense to Town		20 00
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		\$142 37
Payments on account of outdoor poor ..	\$642.08	
Reimbursements	142.37	
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Net expense of outdoor poor		\$499 71

STATEMENT.

Cash received from Town Treasurer.....	\$1,627.08	
Cash in hands Superintendent of Town Farm, Feb. 12, 1907	4.54	
Cash income of Town Farm	2,117.55	
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		\$3,749 17
Expense of outdoor poor	\$ 642.08	
Payments at Town Farm	3,101.47	
Cash in hands Superintendent of Town Farm, Feb. 8, 1908	5.62	
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		\$3,749 17
Cash received from Town Treasurer	\$1,627.08	
Reimbursements	142.37	
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Net draft from Town Treasurer		\$1,484 71

Net expense at Town Farm	\$983.92	
Net expense of outdoor poor	499.71	
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Net expense of poor		\$1,483 63
Appropriation.....		\$1,500 00

CHARLES L. HILDRETH,
 ALBERT R. CHOATE,
 ARTHUR H. BURNHAM,
 Overseers of the Poor.

SCHEDULE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE,
FEBRUARY 1, 1908.

Groceries	\$ 41 00	
Vegetables.....	41 50	
Pork and hams	19 00	
Balance of personal property at house...	758 10	
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		\$859 60
14 cows	\$625 00	
1 bull	27 00	
2 horses	350 00	
1 ton Jap millet	12 00	
2 tons meadow hay	20 00	
20 tons Ensilage in silo	100 00	
12 tons English hay	216 00	
4 tons stack hay	48 00	
1 two-horse dump cart	50 00	
1 two-horse sled	10 00	
3 hay and farm wagons	110 00	
2 Democrat wagons	40 00	
1 double sleigh	15 00	
Wheel and spring tooth harrows	15 00	
1 mowing machine.....	35 00	
Horsrake and tedder	35 00	
Horse power, saw and belt.....	75 00	
Double and single harness	50 00	
Balance personal property at barn and outbuildings	511 20	
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		\$2,344 20
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		\$3,203 80

H. L. WRIGHT,
ALEC FISHER,
C. A. BLODGETT,
Appraisers.

Treasurer's Report.

WESTFORD, MASS., March 2, 1908.

The Treasurer of Westford submits the following report:—

RECEIPTS.

To cash on hand	\$3,868 87
To cash borrowed	16,000 00
State corporation tax	8,761 93
State bank tax	551 38
Military aid.....	50 00
Soldiers' families	704 00
Income Mass. school fund	1,079 99
County Treasurer, dog licenses	324 20
John Feeney, janitor Town Hall	171 25
Clerk First District Court, Ayer	114 34
State, on account Supt. Schools	625 00
Income Library Funds	120 40
State, on account Inspector Animals	42 50
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1905	114 68
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector 1906	526 98
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector before Nov. 1, 1907 ...	20,104 13
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector before Dec. 1, 1907 ...	989 22
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector after Dec. 1, 1907	2,671 12
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest 1905	9 32
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest 1906	17 88
L. W. Wheeler, tax collector, interest 1907	11 37
State Treasurer, Armory rent	160 00
State corporation tax balance 1906	13 74
Alec Fisher, slaughter house license	1 00
State, support sick paupers	84 58
A. A. Hildreth, sealer weights and measures	18 40
Amount carried forward	\$57136 28

Amount brought forward	\$ 57136 28
L. W. Wheeler, collector moth tax	60 42
State Treasurer, on account gypsy moth.....	1,752 49
L. & F. Street R. R., repair Cummings hill	600 00
Hugo T. Paige, lot of logs	10 60
J. C. & J. Jackson, burial Alice Jackson	37 79
Angus McDonald, lumber.....	1 00
Street R. R. tax.....	219 08
John Feeney, chandelier and lamp sold	28 00
Charles L. Hildreth, 2d, on account paupers	20 00
Ruth Tuttle, paper cutter	3 20
J. Breck & Sons, refund on climbing irons	6 00
Westford Water Co., land and right way Town Farm Hill.....	1 00
School building account, on account Carl V. Badger	228 17
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	\$60,104 03

PAYMENTS.

By cash, notes and interest	\$17,400 78
By State tax.....	2,440 00
By County tax	2,152 63
By State Highway repairs	162 30
By orders and incidental expenses	25,919 60
On account schools	10,653 48
On account Library.....	411 47
Cash on hand	963 77
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	\$60,104 03

NAHUM H. WRIGHT,
Treasurer of Westford.

Auditor's Report.

I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Selectmen, Superintendent of Town Farm, Overseers of Poor, Treasurer of Library and Town Treasurer, for the year ending February 29, 1908, and submit herewith a report of each of these departments, also a statement of the financial condition of the Town on February 29, 1908. I have found the different Ledgers and Cash Books correctly footed and proper vouchers on file for the disbursements.

TAXES.

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1905.

To balance to collect as per audit Feb.		
19, 1907.....	\$114 58	
Difference on former settlement	10	
Past due interest collected	9 32	
	<hr/>	\$124 00
By taxes collected since Feb. 19, 1907 ...	\$114 68	
Past due interest collected	9 32	
	<hr/>	\$124 00
Leaving no balance to collect.		

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1906.

To balance to collect as per audit Feb. 19,		
1907	\$737 42	
Additions since audit, as per Assessors'		
notices	4 00	
Past due interest collected	17 34	
	<hr/>	\$758 76
Less abatements since audit, as per Assess-		
ors' notices	76 00	
	<hr/>	\$682 76
By taxes collected since last audit	\$526 98	
Past due interest collected	17 34	
	<hr/>	\$544 32
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Leaving a balance to collect of		\$138 44

To Debit of L. W. Wheeler, Collector, for Year 1907.

To amount of tax levy as per Assessors' Warrant as follows:

725 polls at 2.00	\$1,450 00
Personal Estate	6,419 59
Real Estate.....	18,709 58
	<hr/> \$26,579 17

Additions since issue of Warrant, as per
Assessors' notices \$ 55 38

Past due interest collected on taxes paid
after Jan. 1, 1908 11 37

\$26,645 92

Less abatements for the year, as per
Assessors' notices 143 50

\$26,502 42

By net collections to Nov. 2,
1907 \$20,098 43

5% discount on assessed value
of same (\$21,156.24) ... 1,057 81

Collected without discount... 5 70

\$21,161 94

By net collections for Nov.,
1907 \$984 94

3% discount on assessed value
of same (\$1,015.40) 30 46

Collected without discount... 4 28

\$1,019 68

By net collections from Dec.
1, 1907 to Feb. 20, 1908 \$2,671 12

Past due interest on taxes paid
after Jan. 1, 1908..... 11 37

\$2,682 49

\$24,864 11

Balance to collect \$1,638 31

RECAPITULATION.

Uncollected taxes for 1906	\$ 138 44
Uncollected taxes for 1907	1,638 31
Total amount of uncollected taxes Feb. 19, 1908 ...	<u>\$1,776 75</u>

The Collector's Book also shows collections as follows on account brown-tail moth bills, issued by the Selectmen.

Net collections to Nov. 1, 1907	\$44 90	
5% discount allowed	2 36	
	<u></u>	\$47 26
Net collections for Dec. 1907	\$ 8 73	
3% discount allowed	27	
	<u></u>	\$ 9 00
Net collections from Dec. 1, 1907 to Feb. 19, 1908	\$ 6 75	
Past due interest collected	04	
	<u></u>	\$ 6 75
Abatements issued for the year.....		\$ 2 41

TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk issued during the year licenses for		
159 male dogs at 2.00	\$318 00	
13 female dogs at 5.00	65 00	
	<u></u>	\$383 00
Less Clerk's fee for 172 licenses at 20 c. .		34 40
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Balance paid to County Treasurer and his receipt is on file for such payment ..		\$348 60

SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen issued 520 orders on the Treasurer for the year, amounting to \$25,919.60. Proper vouchers are on file for each and all.

TOWN FARM.

E. G. Boynton, Superintendent.

To balance cash on hand Feb. 1, 1907 ..	\$	4	54	
Receipts from all sources during the year		3,102	55	
				\$3,107 09
By expenditures for the year to Feb. 1,				
1908	\$	3,101	47	
Balance cash on hand Feb. 1, 1908			5 62	
				\$3,107 09

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

Charles L. Hildreth, Chairman.

To amount received from the Town Treasurer for the year to Feb. 1, 1908	\$1,627 08
By payments for the year to Feb. 1, 1908	1,627 08

LIBRARY.

N. H. Wright, Treasurer.

To balance cash on hand March 1, 1907 .	\$164 93	
Receipts from various sources during the year	594 60	
		\$ 759 53
By total payments for the year ending March 1, 1908.....	\$411 47	
Cash on hand March 1, 1908	348 06	
		\$ 759 53

TREASURER.

For Account General Expenses of the Town.

To cash on hand March 1, 1907	\$ 3,868 87	
Receipts from all sources during the year .	56,235 16	
		<hr/> \$60,104 03
By total payments for the year ending		
March 1, 1908.....	\$59,140 26	
Cash on hand March 1, 1908	963 77	
		<hr/> \$60,104 03

For Account New Schoolhouse, Westford Center.

To cash borrowed on note from State		
Treasurer.....		\$15,000 00
By payments to March 1, 1908, on account		
building, etc.	\$8,408 61	
Cash on hand March 1, 1908	6,591 39	
		<hr/> \$15,000 00

STATEMENT OF CONDITION.

ASSETS.

1906 Taxes remaining uncollected	\$ 138 44	
1907 Taxes remaining uncollected	1,638 31	
Due from State Aid (Soldiers' families) .	696 00	
Due from Military Aid	160 00	
Due for rent of Armory, one-half year...	87 50	
Due from Lowell & Fitchburg St. R. R. Co.		
as agreed by them with the Town for		
account widening Main St., Granite-		
ville and for other expenses on the		
highway, etc.	2,250 00	
Balance cash on hand with Superintendent		
of Town Farm	5 62	
Balance cash on hand with Treasurer	963 77	
		<hr/> \$5,939 64

LIABILITIES.

Due State Treasurer on loan for general expenses	\$ 5,000 00
Five months' interest on same at $3\frac{1}{5}\%$..	66 66
Due State Treasurer on New Schoolhouse loan	15,000 00
Four months' interest on same at $4\frac{1}{4}\%$.	212 50
	<hr/> \$20,279 16
Deficit March 1, 1908	\$14,339 52
The balance of Assets over Liabilities March, 1, 1907 was	\$ 426 07

W. R. TAYLOR,
Westford, Mass., March 2, 1908.

Auditor.

Report of Building Committee.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Amount raised and appropriated	\$15,000 00
Paid A. H. Foss for land	\$1,818 00
Paid on account of building.....	6,590 61
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	8,408 61
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Balance on hand March 1, 1908	\$ 6,591 39

Report of Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

The Commissioners report as follows:—

Fifty-six lots are now under the perpetual care of the Town—seven having been added the past year. We are pleased to note one interesting fact: A lady living in a distant state having recently learned that one of her ancestors, whose grave she had long sought, was buried at Westlawn about one hundred and forty years ago, and that no descendant had ever before shown any interest in this evidently forgotten grave, has assumed the expense of having the lot graded in the Spring and will pay for the yearly care, with a possibility of perpetual care. Would that others might follow her example and thus improve some of the waste places in our cemeteries!

An increasing number of envelopes and stamps are required in sending cards and receipts to each person paying for the yearly care of their lot. Since the establishment of the Rural Free Delivery system, a two-cent stamp is now necessary where formerly a one-cent stamp could be used, and we are sorry to say that three envelopes are sometimes obliged to be used before the money is received and receipted for. We would again suggest that all persons carefully read the notice sent them by order of the Commissioners, and govern themselves accordingly, as it is important the Commissioners are notified by the 1st of May in regard to the care of lots, and that the money is remitted at that time.

The several Cemeteries will be under the same efficient care as last year.

The Commissioners would respectfully recommend that the sum of \$200 be raised and appropriated for the care and improvement of the Cemeteries the coming year.

AMOUNT RECEIVED FOR CARE OF LOTS IN FAIRVIEW.

RESIDENTS.

Abbot, Mrs. E. S., care of tomb	\$5 00
Anderson, Mrs. C. G., 313, E. D.	5 00
Atwood, Mrs. C. M., 195 and 196, E. D.	2 00
Baker, Mrs. John, 330, E. D.	1 00
Barton, Edmund, 40 and 41, W. D.	2 00
Bennett, Joseph, 61, E. D.	1 00
Bicknell, Ai, two lots, Fairview	2 00
Bicknell, Ai, Fairview	5 00
Boynton, Mrs. D. L., 333, E. D.	1 00
Brow, Mrs. L. J., 354, E. D.	1 00
Bunce, Augustus, 11 and 12, W. D.	2 00
Burnett, William, 37, E. D.	1 00
Butterworth, Mrs. J. T., 236, E. D.	1 00
Calvert, Mrs. Frank, 26, W. D.	1 00
Carkin, Mrs. Clara P., 145 and 338, E. D.	2 00
Caunter, Mrs. E., 21, 22 and 326, E. D.	3 00
Chamberlain, C. A., 53, W. D. and two in Fairview .	4 00
Collins, P. G., 35, W. D.	1 00
Day, Arthur E., 202, E. D.	1 00
DeRoehn, Mrs. Andrew, 232, E. D.	1 00
Drew, F. C., 30, E. D.	1 00
Drew, Henry A., 260, E. D.	1 00
Drew, Mary E., 43, E. D.	1 00
Eaton, Mrs. C. E., 243, E. D.	1 00
Feeney, John, 173, E. D.	1 00
Fletcher, F. L., 83, W. D.	1 00
Fletcher, H. N., 5, W. D.	1 00
Fletcher, John M., 197 and 198, E. D., and 76, W. D.	3 00
Fletcher, J. W., 154, E. D.	1 00
Fletcher, S. H., 192, E. D.	1 00
Frost, Mrs. W. E., 17, E. D.	1 00
Gardel, August, 368, E. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward	\$56 00
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Amount brought forward	\$ 56 00
Gilson, George Q., 332, E. D.	1 00
Gilson, L. S., 60 and 75, W. D., 320, E. D.	3 00
Gower, Wm., 42, E. D.	1 00
Greig, John, 14, W. D.	1 00
Harris, Mrs. C. A., 365, E. D.	1 00
Hawkes, W. O., 112, W. D.	1 00
Hewett, Miss C. E., 116, W. D.	1 00
Hildreth, F. A., 42 and 43, W. D.	2 00
Healey, Mrs. Ruby, 308, E. D.	1 00
Hosmer, Francis, 325, E. D.	1 00
Humiston, E. F., 136 and 142, E. D.	2 00
Hunt, Edmund J., 367, E. D.	1 00
Isles, Mrs. Joseph D., 228, E. D.	1 00
Jenne, Albert E., 310, E. D.	1 00
Johnson, Andrew, 158, E. D.	1 00
Johnson, W. W., 227, E. D.	1 00
Keyes, Mrs. Lucy A., 39, E. D.	1 00
Lawrence, Miss Grace, 291, E. D.	5 00
Luce, Miss R. E., Fairview	1 00
Miller, F. E., 241, E. D. and 36, W. D.	2 00
Millis, George L., 57, W. D.	1 00
Mills, Mrs. Hugh, 261, E. D.	1 00
Morton, F., 331, E. D.	1 00
Orange, Joseph, 48, E. D.	1 00
Orr, Robert, 312, E. D.	1 00
Polley, Miss Helen S., 160, E. D., for 1906	1 00
Precious, Miss Sarah, 47, E. D.	1 00
Prescott, Mrs. Frances A., Fairview	1 00
Prinn, Alfred, 67, W. D.	1 00
Shattuck, Mrs. D. H., 322, E. D.	1 00
Shea, J. F., 362, E. D.	6 00
Sleeper, W. J., 67, E. D.	5 00
Smith, Miss Clara A., 95, W. D.	1 00
Spinner, John, 225, E. D.	5 00
Spinner, Estate of Robert, 226, E. D.	5 00

Amount carried forward \$117 00

Amount brought forward	\$117 00
Stewart, Mrs. James, 138, E. D.	1 00
Symmes, Thomas E., two lots in Fairview	2 00
Taylor, Albert D., 258, E. D. and 86, W. D.	2 00
Taylor, S. L., 191, W. D. and one in Fairview	2 00
Tuttle, Mrs. N. L., 7 and 8, E. D.	1 00
Walkden, J. A., 155, E. D.	1 00
Welch, Wm., 18, E. D.	1 00
Wheeler, Miss Delia, 137, E. D.	5 00
Wheeler, Mrs. M. J., 77, W. D.	1 00
Whigham, Wm., 54, E. D.	1 00
White, Wm., 96, W. D.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. Hiram, 100, W. D.	1 00
Willis, Samuel, 20, W. D.	1 00
Wood, Henry O., 309, E. D.	1 00
Woods, Myron J., 155, E. D.	1 00
Woods, Wm L., 148, E. D.	1 00
Wright, Andrew L., 28 and 29, W. D.	2 00
Wright, F. C., 59, E. D.	1 00
Wright, Mrs. Emma E., 25, E. D.	1 00
Wright, N. H., 46 and 47, W. D.	2 00
Wright, Mrs. W. M., 24, E. D.	1 00
York, Ellsworth, 234, E. D.	1 00
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	\$148 00

WESTLAWN.

Day, George T., for Day lot	\$ 2 00
Hutchins, M. F.	1 00
Leighton, Mrs. A. R., Hollis, N. H.	1 00
Prescott, Miss Ida L., Milford, Mass., for Samuel Prescott lot	1 00
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	\$5 00
Amount carried forward	\$153 00

Amount brought forward \$153 00

HILLSIDE

Follansbee, C. H.	\$ 1 00	
Murphy, Mrs., for I. W. Carlin lot.....	1 00	
Worcester, Mrs. I. S., for Hezekiah Cum- mings lot.....	1 00	
Worcester, Mrs. I. S., for James Wright lot.....	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$4 00

NON-RESIDENTS.

Abbot, Miss L. M. B., Groton, Fairview	1 00
Amission, Fred, Dedham, 334, E. D.	1 00
Bailey, Mrs. John, Lowell, 51 and 52, W. D., 1906 and 1907	4 00
Buxton, Mrs. J. C., 365, E. D. and one in Fairview ..	2 00
Butterfield, Mrs. S. A., Ayer, 334, E. D., and one in Fairview	2 00
Carpenter, Eugene, Newton, 336, E. D.	1 00
Crockett, Henry C., North Chelmsford, 325, E. D., for 1906	1 00
Craven, Mrs. Emily L., Lowell, 63, W. D.	1 00
Carrick, Mrs. Alice, Worcester, 328, E. D.	1 00
Davie, Wm. M., North Chelmsford, 32, W. D.	1 00
Davis, Miss Alice L., Somerville, 10, W. D.	1 00
Decatur, Burt W., Springfield, 64, W. D.	1 00
Dix, Mrs. Henry, Charlestown, 327, E. D.	1 00
Edwards, Mrs. George, Lowell, 71, W. D.	1 00
Edwards, Mrs. W. P., Brooklyn, N. Y., 66, E. D. ..	1 00
Fisher, F. A., 110, W. D.	1 00
Felch, Mrs. A. M., Littleton Common, 257, E. D. ...	1 00
Folland, Miss L. S., Manchester, N. H., 22 and 23, W. D.....	2 00
Green, Mrs. S. E., Lowell, Fairview	1 00
Hamlin, George P., Boston, 111, W. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward \$183 00

Amount brought forward	\$183 00
Harris, George E., West Hanover, 27, W. D.	1 00
Heywood, Edwin E., Arlington Heights, 337, E. D.	1 00
Hindle, Frank, Philadelphia, Pa., 336, E. D.	1 00
Hildreth, Miss Helen C., Harvard, 115, W. D.	1 00
Holt, Mrs. E. H., Lowell, 39, W. D.	1 00
Horne, George F., Somerville, 16, E. D.	1 00
Hunt, George W., Lynn, 341, E. D.	1 00
Hunt, Mrs. James, East Pepperell, 53, E. D.	1 00
Hutchins, S. M., Lowell, 54, W. D.	1 00
Hutchinson, Francis, Chelmsford, 82, W. D.	1 00
Johnson, Miss A. L., Tyngsboro, 60, E. D.	1 00
King, Mrs. A. M., Arleta, Ore, 21, W. D.	1 00
Laws, Mrs. J. H., Somerville, 114, W. D.	1 00
Longbottom, Arthur, Arlington Heights, 249, E. D.	1 00
Longley, Albert W., Chicago, Ill., lot in Fairview ..	1 00
Lord, Miss Drusilla, Lowell, 33, E. D.	1 00
Lunt-Moss Co., Boston, 242, E. D.	2 00
Moore, George C., North Chelmsford, 343, E. D. ...	2 00
Osgood, John M., Racine, Wis., 6, E. D.	1 00
Palmer, Mrs. H. M., Derry, N. H.	1 00
Parker, O. A., Waltham, Fairview	2 00
Peck, Mrs. S. E., Elizabeth, N. J., 94, W. D.	1 00
Petherick, Wm. H., Leominster, 339, E. D.	1 00
Read, Miss Carrie E., Barre, Fairview	1 00
Reed, George G., Lowell, 70, W. D.	1 00
Richardson, M. T., New York City, Fairview.	1 00
Ripley, Mrs. F. K., North Chelmsford, 2, E. D.	1 00
Sargent, Mrs. Nancy, Brookline, N. H., 59, W. D. ...	1 00
Saville, Wm., Boston, Fairview	1 00
Scrutton, Mrs. George, Lowell, 375, E. D.	1 00
Searles, Mrs. C. J., 66, W. D.	1 00
Smith, Allen G., Littleton, 90, W. D.	1 00
Stancomb, Richard, Leominster, 340, E. D.	1 00
Stiles, F. O., Littleton, 41, E. D.	1 00
Sweatt, Miss Jessie M., Boston, 254, E. D.	1 00

Amount carried forward \$221 00

Amount brought forward	\$221 00
Trumbull, Mrs. S. H., Beverly, Fairview.....	1 00
Wheeler, Isaac G., Allston, 105, W. D.	1 00
Whitney, Mrs. E. J., Littleton Common, 28 and 29, E. D.	2 00
Willis, Wm. T., Lowell, 19, E. D.	1 00
Woodbury, E. H., Littleton Common, 311, E. D. ...	1 00
Wright, A. A., Hudson, 34, W. D.	1 00
Wyman, George W., Camden, N. J., 376, E. D.	1 00
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	\$229 00

EXPENSES.

FAIRVIEW.

Paid C. N. Richardson and others	\$216 79
W. W. Johnson, labor	147 76
C. E. Walker for loam.....	6 00
Lester Prescott, labor	8 25
Bannister, Greig and Bicknell, labor	5 00
For one lawn mower	3 00
For 2 quarts oil and oil can	50
For grass seed	1 99
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	\$389 29

WESTLAWN.

Paid W. H. H. Burbeck for care of ceme- tery	\$12 00
W. H. H. Burbeck for care of lots as per bill	21 00
J. A. Healy for dressing	6 00
Thompson Hardware Co. for one can paint for fence	1 81
Wright & Fletcher for grass seed ...	48
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	\$ 41 29
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Amount carried forward.....	\$430 58

Amount brought forward	\$430 58
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HILLSIDE.

Paid W. H. H. Burbeck for care of cemetery	\$10 00
W. H. H. Burbeck for care of lots per bill	6 00
J. A. Healy for dressing	2 00
	\$ 18 00

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Paid for envelopes, stamps, &c.	\$6 94
For teaming fertilizer	2 00
For nails	08
Courier-Citizen Co. for 100 receipts for Perpetual Care Lots	1 25
Courier-Citizen Co. for printing Town Seal on stamped envelopes.	1 00
Peavy Bros. for 153 lbs. castings for Perpetual Care markers	7 65
Freight on castings	25
G. T. Day for painting and gilding markers, iron fence and gates at Westlawn, Hillside and Wright Cemeteries, also for stock	5 25
For scraping and painting wooden posts two coats at Westlawn ..	3 50
Wright & Fletcher for envelopes, &c.	1 14
One receipt book	50
Express and telephone charges.	3 15
Balance due in excess of receipts in 1906 ..	2 25
	\$ 34 96

Amount expended	\$483 54
Amount appropriated by the town.	\$250 00
Amount received for care of lots.	229 00
	\$479 00
Balance due in excess of receipts ...	\$ 4 54

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS.

NAME.	CEMETERY.	FUND.
J. W. P. Abbot	Fairview	\$ 100 00
Cyrus Babbitt	"	50 00
Sally B. Burrill	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham	"	100 00
Mary E. Brigham (Kittredge Lot)	"	100 00
Francis Caldwell	"	50 00
John Carmichael	"	50 00
John B. Carmichael	"	100 00
George Davis	"	50 00
Charles S. Dodge	"	100 00
Cephas Drew	"	50 00
George Drew	"	50 00
Edmund F. Dupee	"	50 00
Rachel Dupee	"	50 00
Wm. Z. Dupee	"	50 00
Daniel Falls	"	50 00
Abijah Fletcher	"	50 00
Andrew Fletcher	"	100 00
Charles H. Fletcher	"	50 00
Julia A. Fletcher	"	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	"	50 00
Sherman D. Fletcher	Westlawn	50 00
Charles H. Follansbee	Hillside	100 00
Joseph B. Griffin	Fairview	100 00
Timothy L. Griffin, lot by Viola Griffin Whithead .	"	50 00
Theodore C. Hamblett	"	50 00
C. and C. A. Hamlin	"	100 00
M. Hennessey	"	50 00
Henry Herrick	Westlawn	100 00
Samuel Horne	Fairview	50 00
Silas Lawrence and Mrs. Drake	Westlawn	100 00
Amount carried forward		\$2,150 00

Amount brought forward		\$2,150 00
Francis Leighton	Westlawn	50 00
Edwin D. Metcalf	Fairview	50 00
James M. Parker	"	50 00
Fletcher Peckens	"	50 00
Prescott & Babbitt	"	100 00
Charles H. Prescott	Westlawn	100 00
Joseph H. Prescott	"	50 00
Frances A. Prescott	Fairview	50 00
Nathan P. Prescott	"	50 00
Mary A. Putnam	Hillside	100 00
Polly Quigg	Fairview	50 00
Abijah C. Reed	"	50 00
Anan Reed	Westlawn	50 00
Sarah S. Reed	"	100 00
Anna Richardson	Fairview	50 00
Sarah E. Richardson	"	50 00
C. Frederick Seifer	"	50 00
Levi Snow	"	100 00
Salmon L. Snow	"	100 00
Sarah E. P. Wells	Westlawn	100 00
Clara M. Wiley	Fairview	100 00
Luther Wilkins	"	75 00
John Wilson	"	50 00
Capt. Ezekiel Wright	Westlawn	50 00
Varnum B. Wright	Fairview	25 00
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		\$3,800 00

GEORGE W. HEYWOOD, Chairman,
 GEORGE T. DAY, Secretary,
 Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

To either Constable of the Town of Westford, in said County.

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections, and also in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House, in said Westford, on Monday, the sixteenth day of March, being the third Monday in said month, at 7.45 o'clock A. M. The polls will be opened at eight o'clock A. M., and may be closed at one o'clock P. M.; and they are then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- 1st. To choose a Moderator.
- 2nd. To bring in their votes for one Selectman, one Overseer of Poor, one Assessor, two School Committee, one Commissioner of Public Burial Grounds, one Trustee of the Public Library, all for three years; one Commissioner of Public Burial Ground for two years (to fill an unexpired term); Town Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, two Constables, one Auditor and one Tree Warden, all for one year; also to vote on the following question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?" All on one ballot.
- 3rd. To hear the report of the Selectmen, and act in relation to the same.
- 4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen on Guide Boards, and act in relation to the same.

- 5th. To hear the report of the Overseers of the Poor, and act in relation to the same.
- 6th. To hear the report of the School Committee, and act in relation to the same.
- 7th. To hear the report of the Trustees of the Public Library, and act in relation to the same.
- 8th. To hear the report of the Commissioners of Public Burial Grounds, and act in relation to the same.
- 9th. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Auditor chosen to audit the accounts of the Town Officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 10th. To see if the Town will determine the compensation of the Tax Collector, and act in relation to the same.
- 11th. To raise and appropriate money to repair Roads and Bridges.
- 12th. To raise and appropriate money for Town Debts and Charges.
- 13th. To raise and appropriate money for Public Schools.
- 14th. To raise and appropriate money for High School purposes.
- 15th. To raise and appropriate money for support of Poor.
- 16th. To raise and appropriate money for School Text Books and Supplies.
- 17th. To raise and appropriate money for the alteration of the Carlisle Road, as ordered by the County Commissioners, and act in relation to the same.

- 18th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to meet the deficiency incurred by the School Committee in the support of public schools, and act in relation to the same.
- 19th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money to furnish and equip the new school building erected at Westford Center, and act in relation to the same.
- 20th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the purpose of draining and grading the land recently purchased by the Town, and known as the "Foss Lot," and act in relation to the same.
- 21st. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for destruction of gypsy and brown tail moths, and act in relation to the same.
- 22nd. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a road roller, appropriate money therefor, and act in relation to the same.
- 23rd. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money, not to exceed forty dollars (\$40), to furnish a block of Westford granite to be placed in the Provincetown Monument, and act in relation to the same.
- 24th. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the repair and equipment of schoolhouses, and act in relation to the same.
- 25th. To see if the Town will appropriate money for graduation purposes at Westford Academy, and act in relation to the same.
- 26th. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate money for medical inspection in the public schools, and act in relation to the same.

- 27th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to obtain plans and estimates for the building on and equipping an additional room to the Forge Village Schoolhouse, and act in relation to the same.
- 28th. To see if the Town, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 560, Section 369 of the Acts of 1907, will vote to elect three Road Commissioners at the next annual meeting, and act in relation to the same.
- 29th. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee of five, to be comprised of the Board of Selectmen and two others, to inquire into and report at the next Annual Town Meeting as to the best method to pursue in repairing the Graniteville road, so called, and improving the grades thereon, between Caunter's Bridge and Julian A. Cameron's barn, and act in relation to the same.
- 30th. To see if the Town will vote to change the date for the ending of its financial year, and act in relation to the same.
- 31st. To see if the Town will authorize the appointment of five persons, who shall constitute a Finance Committee. It shall be the duty of said Committee, when a warrant for a Town Meeting contains any article or articles calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money, to investigate the same and report its recommendations at the said meeting. Said Committee shall also issue a printed report of its recommendations relative to appropriations required at the Annual Town Meeting for the proper and economical maintenance of the several departments of the Town on or before the first day of March of each year, or act in relation to the same.

- 32nd. To see if the Town will appropriate money to erect a fence around the school house lot at Forge Village and act in relation to the same.
- 33rd. To see if the Town will establish the compensation of election officers, and act in relation to the same.
- 34th. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey the Center Schoolhouse, so called, situated upon the easterly side of the Boston road, together with all the land appurtenant thereto, containing about sixty square rods, and act in relation to the same.
- 35th. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey the Nashoba Schoolhouse, so called, situated on the easterly side of the Concord road, together with all the land appurtenant thereto, containing about seventy-nine square rods, and act in relation to the same.
- 36th. To see if the Town will vote to sell and convey the Schoolhouse, located in the district formerly known as Number Eight, situated upon the easterly side of the Tenney road, together with all the land appurtenant thereto, containing about one-fourth of an acre, and act in relation to the same.
- 37th. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, under the written direction of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money as may be required for the demands upon him in anticipation of the taxes for the current year and payable therefrom, and act in relation to the same.
- 38th. To determine the manner of collecting taxes for the ensuing year, also the rate of interest on taxes remaining unpaid at a time to be fixed by vote of the Town, and when and how said taxes shall be paid into the treasury, and act in relation to the same.

- 39th. To choose all other Town Officers necessary to be chosen by hand vote, and act in relation to the same.
- 40th. By request of the Veteran Association, to see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) to commemorate Memorial Day, and act in relation to the same.
- 41st. By request of the citizens of Graniteville, Forge Village, and Parkerville, to see if the town will appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the purpose of distributing books from the Public Library in these three villages, and act in relation to the same.
- 42nd. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to act as its agents in any suit or suits that may arise during the current year; also in such other matters which may arise, requiring in their judgment the action of such agents, and act in relation to the same.
- 43rd. To see if the Town will appropriate two hundred dollars, (\$200) for the suppression of the liquor traffic in town and instruct and authorize the Selectmen to employ or appoint Constables or Police Officers to enforce the law and act in relation to the same.
- 44th. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to offer a reward of one hundred dollars (\$100) for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons setting forest or other fires in town, and act in relation to the same.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies at the Town House and each Depot in said Westford, eight days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this Twenty-eighth day of February,
in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eight.

OSCAR R. SPALDING,
WESLEY O. HAWKES,
EDWARD M. ABBOT,
Selectmen of Westford.

A True Copy. Attest:

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Constable of Westford.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTFORD, MASS.

FOR THE

School Year ending March 1, 1908.



LOWELL, MASS.

COURIER-CITIZEN COMPANY, PRINTERS

1908

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1907-1908.

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman	. .	Term Expires 1910.
HENRY B. READ	. .	Term Expires 1910.
HOMER M. SEAVEY	. .	Term Expires 1909.
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT	. .	Term Expires 1908.
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON	. .	Term Expires 1908.
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary	. .	Term Expires 1908.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

ARTHUR B. WEBBER, Littleton, Mass.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

WALTER C. WRIGHT.

TRUANT OFFICERS.

E. G. BOYNTON,

JOHN A. HEALY.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

DR. CYRIL A. BLANEY.

Report of the School Committee.

To the Citizens of Westford:

We have the pleasure of reporting to you that the past year in your schools has been a successful one and that the schools are now in excellent condition.

To the reports of the Superintendent of Schools, Principal of the High School, and Supervisor of Drawing and Music, incorporated in this report, we invite your careful attention.

We believe that we have at present a corps of teachers who are competent, progressive, and earnest. It is exceedingly fortunate for the schools of Westford that so many of the teachers are residents of the Town, as it has been a great inducement for them to accept salaries lower than were offered elsewhere. But we cannot depend greatly in the future upon this favoring element in the problem of supplying our schools with good teachers. It will perhaps be effective in a few cases, but what shall be done relative to schools when there is no resident teacher of ability, and when the salary is not sufficient inducement to retain any teacher of assured reputation? The School Committee must frequently be at a loss to know how to solve the question. They must resort to much experimenting and if they are successful in finding a competent teacher among the many candidates who seek schools, they must anticipate soon to be outbid by other towns that are paying larger salaries.

The Committee wish to call your attention to the fact, which has been amply confirmed by carefully and widely gleaned information during the past year, viz: That we are paying smaller salaries to teachers than our neighboring towns. In this connection we earnestly ask our townsmen to be liberal in the voting of school funds. A comparatively small margin of difference in salary may make necessary the loss of a valuable teacher and the employment of one whose ability is unknown,

and the experiment may result in the waste of the money expended for the school where she is employed.

Owing to the large number of pupils in attendance of the Eighth and Ninth Grades in the Academy building at the opening of the Fall term, an assistant teacher was appointed for that school at a salary of three hundred and sixty (\$360) dollars.

We again bring to your attention the urgent need of making some arrangement for relieving the congested condition of the Forge Village school. At the present time the Committee are using a room at the Club House, so called, where about twenty-five pupils are being taught, at an expense to the Town of about five hundred dollars a year extra. This sum being for a teacher and fuel. This arrangement does very well temporarily, but, of course, cannot continue indefinitely as the room is not adapted for school purposes and probably will not satisfy the requirements of the State much longer. The Committee realize the great expense the Town has been to the past year in the building of the Center school and do not wish, without the sanction of the people, to put an extra burden on them, if it can possibly be avoided. Bearing these conditions in mind there seems, after careful consideration, to be only two solutions of the problem. The one to enlarge the present school building, which can be done for about fifty-five hundred dollars. This would mean the addition of two rooms. To equip these and to put in the necessary heating and ventilating system acceptable to the State would probably cost in the neighborhood of fifteen hundred dollars, making a total of seven thousand dollars.

The second solution, and a very feasible one it would seem to us, is to have the scholars from the Sixth and Seventh Grades transported to the Graniteville school. This can be made possible by the small number of children now attending the Graniteville school. The electric car service is good and it does seem as though this scheme could be carried out without detriment to the older children and certainly at a great saving to the Town. In this saving could be enumerated a teacher's salary of four hundred dollars extra, coal necessary to the heating of the enlarged building—two hundred dollars, interest on money borrowed at four per cent.—two hundred and eighty dollars,

making a total of eight hundred and eighty dollars, besides which, of course, there is the seven thousand dollars which sooner or later would have to be taken care of.

Bearing these two propositions in mind we have put an article in the warrant recommending the appointment of a Committee to obtain an estimate of the expense of enlarging the present Forge Village schoolhouse, and to report at a later meeting. The Committee feel, however, that it would be far wiser for the present at least, to transport the scholars.

At a meeting of the School Committee held February 22, 1908, the reports of the Committee and Superintendent were read and accepted.

CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
Secretary, Pro tem.

ALBERT R. CHOATE, Chairman,
T. ARTHUR E. WILSON,
WALTER C. WRIGHT, Secretary,
HOMER M. SEAVEY,
H. B. READ,
CHARLES O. PRESCOTT,
School Committee.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 1908-1909.

Schools	\$7,000 00
High School	2,300 00
Text books and supplies	700 00
School Physician	50 00
Graduation Exercises—High School	50 00
Water rates, Center School	50 00
Water rates, Forge Village School	10 00
Miscellaneous	440 00
	<hr/> \$10,600 00

Truant Officers' Report for the Year Ending March 1, 1908.

Number of cases investigated	8
Brought to trial	0

E. G. BOYNTON,
JOHN A. HEALY,
Truant Officers.

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED.

High School	\$218 72	
Center, three schools	124 89	
Graniteville, four schools	169 45	
Forge Village, three schools	107 65	
Stony Brook	48 92	
Minot's Corner	38 91	
Parkerville	38 71	
Nabnasset	20 63	
	<hr/>	\$767 88

EXPENSE OF SUPERVISION.

Salary paid by Town	\$800 00	
Rebate from State	625 00	
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Net cost to Town.....	.	\$175 00

TEXT BOOKS AND SUPPLIES FURNISHED SCHOOLS.

Appropriation.....	\$700 00	
Amount expended	752 90	
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Balance overdrawn		\$52 90

Financial Statement.

INCOME.

Balance unexpended from 1906	\$ 773 41	
Appropriation, school	6,500 00	
Appropriation, High School	2,200 00	
From State on account of Supt. of Schools	250 00	
Income from Mass. School Fund.....	1,079 99	
	<hr/>	\$10,803 40

EXPENDED.

Tuition of scholars at High School	\$2,750 00	
Teachers	5,469 44	
Transportation	1,059 20	
Fuel	698 04	
Janitor service, cleaning, etc.	676 80	
	<hr/>	\$10,653 48
Balance unexpended		<hr/>
	\$	149 92

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee:

Herewith I submit my second annual report; it is the 16th in the series of superintendents' reports.

Our creed is this,—We believe that the object of teaching is to prepare boys and girls for life. Preparation for life must necessarily go beyond the acquisition of the old three R's. It must include an acquaintance with the world in which living will be done—acquaintance with the world's good art and good literature, with its good music, with its history and geography, with nature, and with civic life. In so far as a boy or girl fails to get this acquaintance just so far will his life be dwarfed and narrowed. Unless he gets it in school it is a matter of chance if he ever gets it.

A still more important essential in this preparation for life is the awakening of the mind to realities. Things taught in the schools must be *real*; things presented vividly, and capable of being put to use outside school. Learning reached for and drawn in by the pupil will count for far more than learning crammed in by the teacher. Self activity should be the key note in all education. Individuality must be fostered. Our work is to prepare pupils to live in a world outside of school, and we must hold fast to the idea that the primary object of our teaching is to enable the child to get along on his own responsibilities.

In carrying out this creed certain lines of work have been attempted the past year which are, I believe, leading to the desired results. The work in arithmetic has been modified in the lower grades to introduce more comparison and more individual thought. This work will be advanced by the introduction of new texts with the coming year, and a more decided improvement may be looked for with additional equipment in some schools in the line of measures, scales and weights—only a few rooms being now equipped for practical work. In one third grade a store has been fitted up with sand, blocks, and paper to represent merchandise, price lists, scale, measures, and toy

money. The pupils are interested. They are learning real things; they are learning arithmetic too, and learning it better than they ever did when it was taught abstractly and bore no relation to life. I am confident that one of the greatest needs of our schools today is the relating of all our arithmetic to life, so that figuring may follow and grow out of actual business practice.

To make our geography more real the pupils are taking imaginary journeys, and corresponding with pupils in different parts of the world. Each grade is at work upon some special industry connected with their grade work in the subject, collecting specimens, pictures, descriptions of processes in the manufacture of the raw material, and mapping the areas of production, routes of transportation and centers of manufacture. Sand modelling and the making of relief maps are giving excellent returns in making more definite the ideas of land and water forms.

The work in English in all grades seemed too technical, and failed to produce the result which is to be desired, namely, a freedom of expression both in oral and written work. To remedy this the Guides to English and the Baker-Carpenter Readers were introduced. This step gives a wider range of material and offers an admirable scheme of correlation in the language work. The best preparation for writing is writing. Fluency comes first, correctness afterwards, and by giving abundant exercise in composition both oral and written, thus leading the child to see his own errors and correct them, we secure work which is greatly superior and far more lasting than by furnishing outlines which must be followed, and returning blue pencilled papers. Throughout the work we strive to secure the closest correlation between the composition work and the lessons in literature, history, geography, nature study and personal experiences.

In several classes the "book plan" is being developed. The idea here is that the pupil will be more interested and so do better in a *real thing* than in a mere exercise. Special papers in history, literature, science and geography are written involving not only the material found in the school books, but bringing in matter

gathered in library research, magazine articles and other services. These sketches are illustrated by drawings, pictures collected from magazines, original photographs, and many are embellished with decorative initial letters and head and tail pieces. Appropriate covers are designed, and many pupils have taken great pride in the finished result.

The work in music and drawing is now upon a thorough basis, and the results reflect the greatest credit upon the supervisors in those branches. The arrangement by which we secure the services of our supervisor of drawing are due to the enthusiasm of the man, and the helpful intercession of Mr. Frederic L. Burnham, the State Agent for the Industrial Arts. We have, I feel sure, established the value of good supervision, and it is to be hoped that the town may see its way clear to making such appropriation for the subject that we may be able to hold to the standard established. I invite your careful consideration of the reports herewith appended.

Mr. A. B. Webber, Supt. of the Schools of Westford, Mass.

Dear Sir:—The following is a brief report of the condition of drawing in the Town of Westford, Mass.

The schools are now organized on a systematic basis for freehand, mechanical and decorative drawing based upon educational principles.

The work of the Fall Term in nature and model drawing has been progressive and adequate results have attended the teachers' efforts. The drawing in these schools is no longer a fad or a pastime, but now takes the dignified form of a study, wherein as sane methods must be used as in the teaching of mathematics if excellent results are to be obtained.

The aims for this department are directed to the development of the creative faculties involving as much original power and hand skill as possible.

The Douglas Commission for better industrial skill has already found a great awakening in public school superintendents who lay claim to the word progress. It is with pleasure that I find you included in that class. It is impossible to make adequate

and effective progress in these arts except by the serious and hearty co-operation of the teachers, superintendent and school committee. In this respect the committee will pardon me for saying the assistance of their educational head has been ideal. In the future I trust our ideals for the pupil will be of the highest, based upon simplicity, beauty and sincerity.

Cordially submitted,

W. L. ADAMS,
Supervisor of Drawing.

To the Superintendent and School Committee:

Considering the many changes in the corps of teachers and the fact of new supervision, the musical part of the school work has progressed in a gratifying way.

Each supervisor has a way, peculiar to himself, of conducting his work, and it takes pupils and teachers some time to get accustomed to the particular method he may use.

The response from the teachers in this matter, has been most encouraging. Especially is this true of the primary teachers, upon whose ability and conscientious effort, considering the importance of rote song work, so much depends.

The work of the intermediate and grammar grades has progressed steadily and intelligently. The children in these grades have been thoroughly instructed in time beating and directing and will be well prepared to give their entire attention to the higher forms of chorus work, when they reach the Academy.

Incidentally this brings us to the Academy and its musical work. High School music is the great problem of the Director of public school music. Strange as it may seem, the fact remains that this is the period of all the school life in which the pupil is most diffident in the matter of singing, and the most doubtful of his or her ability to sing. Pupils, teachers and the Supervisor have succeeded in getting acquainted and in co-operating to make the music both interesting and helpful. Only the best works of the best composers have been used and in this regard

the Academy pupils have shown an appreciation of the best things musically, seldom found in High Schools.

In conclusion: First, let me remind the committee that comparatively little can be accomplished in one year—it being essentially a foundation building period. Second, let me thank you for your kindly co-operation in the matter of supplies, etc.

Hoping for even better things in the future—conditions that shall make for greater effectiveness and usefulness in the lives of the children, for school music has a recognized place in the character building of the child, and with grateful appreciation of the co-operation of officers, teachers and children, I am,

Yours sincerely,

EDWIN N. C. BARNES.

The overcrowding of the Forge Village primary room rendered it imperative that additional accommodations be found. By the courtesy of the Abbot Co., we were able to fit up a room in the Mill Hall which accommodates the upper division of the second and the third grade. This makes it much easier to secure better results and though cramped in some ways has proven a valuable change.

Overcrowding in grades eight and nine also necessitated the employment of an additional teacher as assistant to Miss Fisher, which gives an almost ideal condition as to numbers and service. With the completion of the new building, and the consolidation of the grades in the outlying schools, the system will become a fairly well graded one, and by incorporating the ninth grade with the Academy and extending the services of the ninth grade teacher to the freshman class, needed relief in that department will be obtained.

I invite your attention to the report of the principal of Westford Academy which is herewith appended.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE ACADEMY.

To the School Committee of Westford:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to make this report for the year ending March 1, 1908.

The class that graduated from the Academy in June, 1907, was the last one containing pupils who received diplomas at the end of a three years' English course. As all pupils, according to your vote, must hereafter remain four years in order to graduate, the only graduates of this year are two in the old Latin-Scientific course. On the other hand, the class that entered last fall constitutes about half of the school.

In my last annual report I asked for fifty dollars, to be expended for chemical apparatus and supplies. This was granted, and has been found sufficient, together with material already on hand, to provide individual laboratory work for the pupils, thus greatly improving the instruction in chemistry. More modern methods have also been introduced in some other subjects, also, particularly in bookkeeping and history, and the teachers think that the results in the work and interest of the pupils have generally justified the changes.

The fourth year that has been added to the general course will entail the purchase of some new books, and perhaps a little new apparatus for physics, during the coming year; but we expect, by avoiding all changes that are not absolutely necessary, to confine the expenses for these things to the average annual amount.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. PERKINS.

Westford, Mass., February 26, 1908.

I would here suggest the great need of increasing the salary of our grade teachers. Westford is paying her teachers less than many towns of less size and less valuation. Superintendents in surrounding towns are seeking our best teachers at increased salary and were the supply of home teachers to fail it would be impossible to fill the positions at the salary which is now paid. This being true is it a square deal to the local candidates to keep wages down to the minimum after years of faithful and satisfactory service? I would urge the necessity of increasing the salaries to at least \$12 per week in the case of all teachers employed over three years, and the establishing of a maximum of \$15 with the requirements of professional growth and increasing efficiency rather than length of service as a condition for attaining the maximum. Such a condition should enable the town to secure and retain eminently satisfactory teachers.

This is a highly essential point. Education today is not merely the pouring in of facts. It is not so much *what* we teach as *how* we teach. Abstract knowledge counts for little in life; it is knowledge that is convertible into power that we want—ideas and ideals that shall be living in character. To secure this the teacher must do more than cover a prescribed amount of reading, writing, number and nature study imposed from without. To make of every child the biggest measure of human being that his power and possibilities allow, the teacher must identify herself with the real instincts and needs of the child. This cannot be done in the first year. It takes time to get into the lives of children, and unless we can hope to hold our teachers for longer periods we must expect to lose this most essential element in teaching.

Reports of the last year show that in many cases towns have made increases of from twenty to forty per cent. In school teaching as in everything else the employer gets what he pays for. To hold the schools up to the standard Westford must keep pace with the other towns.

Several changes in the teaching force have occurred this year. Miss Raddin's place at Forge Village has been well filled by Miss Letitia V. Ward. Mr. Vaughn resigned at the last moment, but we were fortunate enough to secure Mr. William

Nickerson, of Cotuit, Mass., who has taken up the work with vigor and enthusiasm. The position at Minot's Corner has been filled several times. Miss Mary E. Holden was secured after the school opened in September, but on account of a throat trouble was obliged to resign in December, and her place is now taken by Miss Grant, of Gloucester. In view of the changes and the short service of the first teacher, Miss Perkins, the school is doing excellently.

The attendance in nearly all quarters is not what it should be. Children are kept out so much that their progress is next to impossible. No child can be out one day each week and maintain a proper standing. I fear the parents give too little thought to the matter, and trust that we may see greater regularity in the coming term. The law admits of no excuse save sickness and unless there is improvement it may be necessary to take the matter up more drastically in some cases.

From present indications an addition to the Forge Village building will be needed. The Grammar School will have some forty pupils which will make a large school for one teacher with four grades, and the grades now occupying the mill property will be so increased that the room will be too small to accommodate them. A wing might be added to the present building and the school graded in such a manner as to increase the efficiency. The ventilation should also be improved and some means of exit furnished.

In closing I desire to thank all the teachers and the members of the committee for the cordial support which has been given me; and in the future as in the past I shall strive to give my best efforts to the service.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR B. WEBBER.

Littleton, Mass., February 20, 1908.

Graduation Exercises of Westford Academy

At the Unitarian Church, Friday, June 21, 1907

at 10 o'clock A. M.

PROGRAMME

1. ORGAN SOLO, Festal March *Calkin*
MRS. W. H. BENNETT
2. PRAYER,
REV. CHARLES P. MARSHALL
3. SONG, To the Spirit of Poesy *E. Lassen*
GIRLS' CHORUS
4. ESSAY, Stenography and Typewriting
STELLA B. CARRIN, Forge Village
5. SONG, With Verdure Clad (Soprano Aria, Cretion) *Hayden*
ELEANOR FOX ALLEN
6. ESSAY, Eclipses of the Sun
HARRY L. BLAISDELL, Westford
7. SONGS, (a) Croon, Croon *C. B. Rich*
(b) The Oars are Plashing Lightly *Adam Geibel*
GIRLS' CHORUS
8. ESSAY, The Academy and the High School in Massachusetts
LUCINDA E. PRESCOTT, Westford
9. SONG, For All Eternity *Mascheroni*
MRS. ALLEN
10. ESSAY, The Dynamo and its Applications
ARTHUR G. HILDRETH, Westford
11. ORGAN SOLO, Allegro Moderato *Lefebvre-Wely*
MRS. BENNETT
12. ADDRESS. The Cost of Service
REV. HENRY GOODWIN SMITH, D. D.
13. CONFERRING OF DIPLOMAS
REV. BENJAMIN H. BAILEY
14. "AMERICA"

GRADUATING CLASS

GENERAL COURSE

ARTHUR GRIFFIN HILDRETH

ENGLISH COURSE

HARRY LINWOOD BLAISDELL

STELLA BELLE CARKIN

LUCINDA EVALYN PRESCOTT

Motto—Honor, not Fame

STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER, 1906, TO JUNE, 1907.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Enrollment	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent. Attendance.	No. Between 5 and 15. Boys. Girls.	No. Between 7 and 14. Boys. Girls.	No. Over 15. Boys. Girls.
Center Primary	I—II—III	42	27.22	22.92	83.38	27—15	10—10	0—0
Center Intermediate	IV—VII	35	31.12	28.14	90.38	17—18	17—18	0—0
Center Grammar	VIII—IX	35	32.63	28.70	87.98	11—12	8—11	10—2
Forge Primary	I—II—III	56	49.12	43.81	89.23	18—35	12—21	2—0
Forge Grammar	IV—VII	35	24.00	22.00	92.00	17—18	17—18	0—0
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	28	27.10	22.60	83.40	10—13	7—3	2—0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II—III	35	31.60	24.70	86.80	18—10	18—10	0—0
Graniteville Intermediate	IV—V	28	26.46	24.06	90.96	18—10	18—10	0—0
Graniteville Grammar	VI—VIII	24	20.65	18.55	89.83	12—12	11—11	0—0
Minot's Corner	I—VI	28	25.97	24.27	92.20	16—11	11—10	1—0
Nabnasset	I—VII	37	27.50	24.50	89.09	25—12	19—9	0—0
Parkerville	I—VI	22	21.56	18.75	91.40	12—10	8—7	0—0
Stony Brook	I—VII	35	28.01	23.01	84.81	18—17	14—12	0—0
Academy	X—XIII	29	21.71	19.42	90.00	2—4	0—0	9—14
Totals		469	394.65	345.43	87.6	221—197	170—150	24—16

LIST OF TEACHERS, 1907-1908.

NAME.	SCHOOL.	App'ted.	EDUCATED.	HOME ADDRESS.
Wm. A. Perkins	Academy	1905	Bowdoin College	Westford, Mass.
Ida M. Manuel	Academy	1907	Bates College	Franklin, N. H.
Ruth Fisher	Center Grammar	1901	Lowell Normal	Westford, Mass.
Gertrude E. Bartlett	Center Grammar	1907	Tufts College	Kingston, N. H.
Harriet Miller	Center Intermediate	1906	Fitchburg Normal	Townsend, Mass.
Elizabeth R. Cushing	Center Primary	1906	Framingham Normal	Fayville, Mass.
Letitia V. Ward	Forge Grammar	1907	Westford Academy	Forge village
Abbie M. Blaisdell	Forge Upper Primary	1905	Lowell Normal	Lowell, Mass.
Eva C. Pyne	Forge Lower Primary	1907	Lowell Normal	Westford, Mass.
William A. Nickerson	Graniteville Grammar	1907	Hyannis Normal	Cotuit, Mass.
Issie A. Parker	Graniteville Intermediate	1885	Westford Academy	Graniteville, Mass.
Frances C. Banister	Graniteville Upper Primary	1905	Westford Academy	Westford, Mass.
Ruth P. Tuttle	Graniteville Lower Primary	1905	Lowell Normal	Westford, Mass.
Martha C. Grant	Minot's Corner	1907	Gloucester Training	Gloucester, Mass.
Gerald T. Decatur	Nabnasset	1907	Westford Academy	Westford, Mass.
Mabel M. Crocker	Parkerville	1907	Chicago University (Sp.)	East Braintree, Mass.
Anna Mellen	Stony Brook	1905	Lowell Normal	Lowell, Mass.

STATISTICS FROM SEPTEMBER, 1907, TO FEBRUARY, 1908.

SCHOOL.	Grades.	Enroll- ment.	Average Member- ship.	Average Attend- ance.	Per Cent. At- tendance.	No. Between 5 and 15.	No. Between 7 and 14.	No. Over 15.
Center Primary	I-II-III	31	27.10	23.70	87.2	26	26	0
Center Intermediate	IV-VII	26	25.21	22.48	90.02	34	25	10
Center Grammar	VIII-IX	44	38.98	34.75	89.16	39	19	1
Forge Lower Primary	I	42	37.24	33.97	92.	25	23	1
Forge Upper Primary	II-III	28	26.87	25.18	91.28	35	35	0
Forge Grammar	IV-VII	35	32.90	29.70	90.30	31	11	3
Graniteville Lower Primary	I	31	28.20	23.60	83.20	26	21	0
Graniteville Upper Primary	II-III	26	23.40	20.76	87.20	23	21	0
Graniteville Intermediate	IV-V	23	20.55	18.72	90.95	29	28	0
Graniteville Grammar	VI-VIII	29	26.74	23.04	87.01	22	19	0
Minot's Corner	I-VI	22	21.80	19.60	89.9	27	22	0
Nabnassett	I-VII	27	24.00	20.78	85.54	23	19	0
Parkerville	I-VI	23	22.40	19.90	89.28	28	23	0
Stony Brook	I-VII	28	26.27	22.88	87.08	8	3	22
Academy	X-XIII	30	27.11	24.81	91.5			
Total		445	408.77	363.87	89.01	376	285	37

SCHOOL CENSUS, SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Number boys between 5 and 15	215
Number girls between 5 and 15	188
Total	403
Number boys between 7 and 14	176
Number girls between 7 and 14	156
Total	332

Roll of Honor for 1907.

FOR THREE TERMS

Gerald Defoe	Jennie Kimball
Claude Gledu	Rachel Kimball
Fred Healy	Marion Marshall
Henry Healy	Carrie Prinn
Elizabeth Kimball	Bertha Woodbury

FOR TWO TERMS

Leda Boucher	Martha Lorman
Edward Buckingham	Madeline McDonald
Chester Burnham	Grace Reed
May Cann	Maude Robinson
John Feeney	Edith Spinner
Nellie Healy	Raymond Wall
Mabel Langhoff	Florence Wilson
	Charles Wood

FOR ONE TERM

Seth Banister	Maud Hunt
Joseph Barrett	Lucy Kendrick
Luella Beebe	Mary Leclerc
Walter Beebe	Clarence McMasters
Elva Bicknell	Albert Morton
Albert Blanchard	Willie Morton
Florence Boucher	Edward Murray
Leo Boucher	Ellen Murray
Frederick Burnham	George Murray
Richard Campbell	Marshall Murray
William Counter	John Payne
Albert Collins	Leo Provost
William Davis	Frederick Robinson
Elmer DeRoehn	Grace Robinson

Vernon Fletcher
Alice Gilson
Willie Gilson
Francis Gower
Raymond Hamlin
Alice Harrington
James Hartford
Myrtle Healy
Arthur Healy
Margaret Healy
Edith Hunt

Mabel Sanborn
Walter Steele
Midas Tanneton
Bertha Thayer
Emile Tousignant
Ida Trask
Herbert Walkden
Rachel Wall
May Watt
Ernest Whitcomb
Estella Whitney

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